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MINUTES

OF THE

Thirty-first Convention

OF THE

GENERAL COUNCIL

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America

HELD IN

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

BUFFALO, NEW YORK

September 12-17, A.D. 1907

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The Rev. L. H. Geschwind, the first pastor, preached his first sermon December 15, 1878, and organized Holy Trinity congregation, May 5, 1879. The congregation secured the former French Protestant church at the corner of Ellicott and Tupper streets. The second pastor, the Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D.D., took charge October 15, 1884. On May 7, 1905, the new church on Main street was completed. It is built of Medina sandstone, in Tudor Gothic style. There are no pillars, the striking feature of the interior being the strong brackets supporting the clerestory. The furnishings are of Flemish oak.

The dimensions are: Lot, 110 by 218 feet; vestibule, 16 feet; nave, 64 by 90 feet; chancel, 32 by 31 feet; Sunday-school building, 50 by 100 feet. The seating capacity is 1000, while the Sunday-school will accommodate a like number. The basement is furnished as a parish house. The cost of the whole was $150,000.

INTERIOR OF CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

Thirty-first Convention.

OPENING SERVICE.

The Thirty-first Convention of "The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America" was held in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, Buffalo, New York (the Rev. Frederick A. Kaehler, D.D., pastor), commencing on Thursday morning, September 12, 1907.

The Confessional Service, held at 10 a. m., was followed immediately by the Order of Morning Service, beginning at the Introit. These services were conducted by the Rev. J. Fry, D.D., the Rev. F. W. Oswald, the Rev. H. Rembe, the Rev. W. F. Bacher, and the two Recording Secretaries, the Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D., and the Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D. The Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., President, preached the sermon. The text was Col. 3:11, and the theme, **"Christ All, and in All."** The Lord's Supper was then administered to the delegates and visiting brethren.

FIRST SESSION.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BUFFALO, N. Y.

Thursday, September 12, 1907, 3 p. m.

After the singing of Hymn 244, "Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire," the President of the General Council formally opened the convention for the transaction of business, according to the "Order for the Opening of Synods."

The credentials of delegates were handed to the President, and the roll was called. As completed at the close of the convention it was as follows:

The gavel used at this Convention was used at the First Convention at Ft. Wayne, Ind., by the first President, the Rev. Gottlieb Bassler.

ROLL OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

I. Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States.

Organized Trinity Sunday, A. D. 1748.

Clerical.

Rev. Prof. Jacob Fry, D.D., *ex-officio.*
" Prof. Adolph Spaeth, D.D., LL.D.
" Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D.
" Prof. John A. W. Haas, D.D.
" Prof. Henry E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D.
" Edward T. Horn, D.D.,LL.D.
" Prof. George F. Spieker, D.D.
" John E. Whitteker, D.D.
" Samuel Laird, D.D.
" Oliver P. Smith, D.D.
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" H. Offermann.
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" John H. Waidelich.
" George Drach.
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Allen Albright
Nathaniel Light.
Henry E. Young.
Frank L. Brown.

II. Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York and Adjacent States and Countries.

Organized A. D. 1772.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. Frederick W. Oswald, *ex-officio.*	Martin Wulff.
" George C. F. Haas, D.D.	John H. Boschen.
" Gottlieb C. Berkemeier, D.D.	F. C. Seitz.
" John Nicum, D.D.	George M. Vorberg.
" George H. Gomph, D.D.	Frederick Wendling.
" Emil C. J. Kraeling.	John H. W. Doscher.
" Johannes A. W. Kirsch.	John Reichert.
" Gustav Doering.	William Heinrichs.
" Theodore H. Becker.	John Karweich.
" Ernst Brennecke, Ph.D.	Jacob F. Schaller.
" Werner L. Genzemer.	F. A. Kalenbach.
" Hermann R. Grabau.	Frederick Jacob.
" Herrmann Liebich.	J. Hoerner.
" Friedrich C. Bambam.	
" Andrew Blum.	

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III. Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Organized January 15, A. D. 1845.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. William J. Miller, *ex-officio.*	W. Warren Wattles.
" Edmund Belfour, D.D.	Frank W. Richter.
" C. Theodore Benze.	J. Wesley King, Esq.
" George J. Gongaware.	G. H. Grabe.
" Hugo R. Erdmann.	Edwin Saeger.
" Frank C. Oberly.	Wesley E. Bonzo.
" Henry W. Roth, D.D.	J. T. Ambrose, M.D.
" J. Lawson Smith, D.D.	J. C. Frantz, M.D.
" Duncan M. Kemerer.	
" Gustave A. Benze.	
" Robert G. Rosenbaum.	
" William E. Frey.	
" M. Luther Zweizig.	

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IV. Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio.

Organized A. D. 1867.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. VanBuren Christy, *ex-officio.*	W. H. Bishop.
" Albert F. Siebert, D.D.	W. J. Bitter.
" George W. Mechling, D.D.	Charles E. Swingle, Esq.
" William A. Beates	Samuel Stiver.
" Martin L. Wagner.	

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V. Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod.

Organized June 5, A. D. 1860.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. Lawrence A. Johnston, D.D.	Andrew G. Anderson.
" Prof. Conrad E. Lindberg, D.D., R. N. O.	M. M. Nelson.
	Andrew P. Mellquist.
" Alfred Appell.	J. C. Johnson.
" Frans A. Linder.	O. D. Anderson.
" Carl A. Lund.	O. T. Peterson.
" August Norrbom.	C. L. Eckman.
" C. E. Olson.	A. W. Peterson.
" Alfred F. Bergin, Ph.D.	Consul L. A. Malm.
" John Ekholm.	Sven Froeberg, Ph.D.
" John A. Krantz, Ph.D.	Axel Anderson.
" Peter Peterson.	C. L. Eckman.
" Gustav Nelsenius, D.D.	H. L. Wilson.
" Julius Lincoln.	
" Anders M. Benander.	
" Julius Hulteen.	
" S. C. Franzen.	
" Oscar Nelson.	
" Carl A. Hallberg.	
" A. J. Okerblom.	
" John E. Morton.	
" Adolf Hult.	
" Peter Froeberg.	
" Goeran E. Forsberg.	
" Alex C. Anderson.	
" Julius A. Nordling	
" Carl J. Benston.	
" Albert Ockerstrom, M.D.	
" Frank A. Alford.	
" P. J. O. Cornell.	
" Hugo Thorene.	
" Alfred Ostrom.	
" H. E. Sandstedt.	

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VI. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada.

Organized July, A. D. 1861.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. Henry Rembe, *ex-officio.*	John W. Bartmann.
" Frederick Veit.	J. G. Schmidt.
" Ernst Neudoerffer.	
" H. Weigand	

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VII. Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Organized A. D. 1871.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. Harry B. Reed.	Henry S. K. Bartholomew.
" Austin D. Crile.	Luther Booher.
" Hiram Peters, D.D.	M. Luther Deck.
" Michael A. Haberland.	

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VIII. English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.

Organized September 23, A. D. 1891.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. Albert J. Reichert, *ex-officio.*	Frank C. Hemsing.
" William K. Frick, D.D.	Andrew U. Mayland, Esq.
" Horace K. Gebhart.	

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IX. German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Manitoba and Other Provinces.

Organized A. D. 1897.

No delegates present.

X. Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Organized, A. D. 1901.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. Joseph A. Leas, *ex-officio.*	

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XI. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York and New England.

Organized A. D. 1901.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. William F. Bacher, *ex-officio.*	John F. Dinkey.
" Frederick A. Kaehler, D.D.	Charles A. Schnepel.
" H. Douglas Spaeth.	Frederick Henrich.
" Franklin F. Fry.	Edward Hengerer.
" J. Luther Sibole.	John W. Greene.

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XII. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nova Scotia.

Organized July 10, 1903.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. Waldo E. Murray, *ex-officio.* }	
Rev. Luther M. McCreery, Alt. }	

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Number of Delegates Present.

Clerical, 115. Lay, 79. Total, 194.

WITH PRIVILEGE OF DEBATE.

From the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa and Other States.

Rev. Carl Proehl, Mendota, Ill.

OFFICIAL VISITORS.

From the General Synod.

Rev. Leander S. Keyser, D.D., Canal Dover, O.

From the United Synod of the South.

Rev. Prof. Luther A. Fox, D.D., Roanoke College, Salem, Va.

From the United Danish Church.

Rev. J. P. Nielsen, Philadelphia, Pa.

Names of Visiting Clergymen in the Unity of the Faith with the General Council.

Rev. Asbjorn C. Anda.
" James F. Beates.
" Frank S. Beistel.
" Ludwig Beisecker.
" Milton J. Bieber.
" Reinhold C. G. Bielinski.
" Herman Brezing.
" Ernest Burk.
" C. W. Cassall.
" Charles N. Conrad, S. T. D.
" George W. Critchlow.
" Henry J. Croushore.
" Charles A. Dennig.
" George J. Diener.
" C. L. V. Dozer.
" Walter J. Eck.
" Charles L. Fry.
" G. Franklin Gehr.
" Joseph O. Glenn.
" Ernest M. Grahn.
" Ernest O. Graham.
" William H. Greever.
" A. H. Holthusen.
" William Hoppe.
" William L. Hunton, Ph.D.
" Frank E. Jensen.
" John J. Kline, Ph.D.
" Frederick W. Kohler.
" Prof. Herman D. Kraeling.
" Paul Kummer.
Harry K. Lantz.

Rev. Jacob W. Lazarus.
" John Legum.
" John J. Lehmann.
" John C. Mattes.
" Louis F. Mayle.
" Jacob Maurer.
" J. A. Miller.
" William C. Miller.
" J. J. Neudoerffer.
" O. Posselt.
" Prof. Alfred Ramsey.
" Jos. Rechtsteiner.
" Luther D. Reed.
" Austin H. Roeder.
" C. G. Ruff.
" J. C. F. Rupp.
" J. A. Scheffer.
" Nathaniel Scheffer.
" Wm. H. Shepfer.
" George E. Schettler.
" Howard E. Snyder.
" John Steik.
" William Thun.
" George H. Trabert, D.D.
" William Trebert.
" Samuel G. Trexler.
" William S. Ulrich.
" Edward J. Wackernagel.
" P. C. Wike.
" John A. Zundel.

The following Committee on the Application of New Synods was appointed: The Revs. V. B. Christy, H. W. Roth, D.D., A. Appell, A. J. Reichert, F. W. Oswald, F. P. Mayser, D.D., F. W. V. Henning, J. A. Leas, Prof. G. T. Ettinger, Ph.D., and Charles E. Swingle, Esq.

The President read his official report as follows:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

DEAR BRETHREN: Forty years ago the General Council began with a half thousand ministers, a thousand congregations, and 133 thousand communicant members. Today it has three times as many ministers, twice as many congregations and three times as many members, nearly 400,000, as it had in 1867; and is next to the largest Lutheran body in America.

It falls behind the largest body, which is German, by less than a thousand ministers and two hundred thousand members. It exceeds the largest English body, the General Synod, by a thousand ministers, and nearly two hundred thousand members. It exceeds each of the large Synods, Ohio, Iowa, United Norwegian, United South, Hauge Norwegian, by three hundred thousand communicants. In benevolent contributions, it is only about $60,000 behind the largest body, and exceeds all the other bodies.

Within the last ten years, the General Council has added one-fifth to its ministers, communicants, and Sunday-school forces. This means that 70,000 communicants have been added to it, and its contributions have increased by nearly $140,000. Since our last meeting, the increase in ministers has probably been about 75, in communicants 12,000, in Sunday-school scholars 17,000, and in benevolent contributions about $40,000. During four decades the growth in size and vitality has been extraordinary.

Looking at our field in detail, we find, that during the past two years, the Ministerium of Pennsylvania has gained about ten thousand members, and its total contributions for benevolent work have risen to almost $200,000. The Ministerium of New York has contributed over $180,000 for the same purpose. The District Synod of Ohio has added about a thousand members, and contributed nearly $90,000 for benevolent purposes. The Augustana Synod has added about 10,000 members, and contributed over $200,000 for benevolent purposes, and over $360,000 in addition for hospital and deaconess work; the Canada Synod has gained about 300 members, and contributed nearly $2,500 for general benevolence; and the Chicago Synod has contributed over $20,000.

The growth in our Foreign and Home fields, in the equipment of our seminaries and colleges, in the business of our Board of Publication has been marked; and our Inner Mission work has

been making very earnest attempts to get upon its feet, having received a complete building in Minneapolis and St. Paul, organized a society under the auspices of the Augustana Synod in Chicago, called a city missionary in Pittsburgh, and begun inter-Synodical work in New York.

But the General Council originated and has continued to grow on a qualitative basis. The complete sanctification of our people in the truth of God's pure Word, without compromise with error, or assertiveness of self-pride, has been our mission. Our calling has been with the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty, since we are in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption; that, according as it is written, we may glory in the Lord.

AFTER FORTY YEARS.

As this is our Fortieth Anniversary meeting, it will be instructive to inquire whether the General Council has been a success from the point of view taken at its first organization. Has it attained the purposes for which it was created?

It was the old Mother Synod which assumed the responsibility of calling the convention that organized this body. Every one of the men who signed that call, Dr. G. F. Krotel, Dr. C. P. Krauth, Dr. W. J. Mann, Dr. C. W. Schaeffer and Dr. J. A. Seiss, were members of the Pennsylvania Ministerium. These men declared, in assuming such a serious responsibility, that the Ministerium had reasons of the gravest kind for attempting this organization. This Ministerium never acts rashly, nor without sufficient reason.

The grave reasons which underlay the formation of the General Council are stated in the call as follows:

"It is most clear that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America needs a general organizati n first and supremely for the maintenance of unity in the true faith of the Gospel, and in the uncorrupted sacraments as the Word of God teaches and our Church confesses them, and furthermore for the preservation of her genuine spirit and worship, and for the development of our practical life in all its forms. It is no less clear that there is no existing organization adapted to these great ends, or capable of being adapted to them."

These words were signed and uttered by men who represented various types of Lutheranism in the Ministerium; and I think, in the light of the history of the General Council, they will, if

possible, seem more true to us now than they did when first uttered. There was in that day no existing general organization whose first and supreme purpose was the maintenance of *unity in the true faith as our Church confesses it*, whose *first* and *supreme* purpose was the *preservation of the genuine spirit of Lutheranism* and Lutheran worship. In that day, indeed, as the call said, there was "no union of any kind among all the nominal Evangelical Synods in America." The one general body did not embrace one-half the membership of the Lutheran Church, and just those portions of Lutheranism which were most thoroughly consistent with the faith of the Church were not in that general body. Not only the whole of the German, but more especially the whole of the rapidly growing and confessionally faithful Swedish element were not in any general touch.

As a result of the formation of the General Council, many of these elements came into a united touch, and have co-operated with each other for the space of forty years. Further, we have seen the largest Lutheran body in America organized on the basis of pure doctrine alone; and all other Synods, including the General Synod, have been growing in an appreciation of the importance of pure Lutheran doctrine. And since, in the providence of God, the General Council was spared from the start from an attempt to preserve sound Lutheranism in the German language alone, and took an educational rather than a disciplinary position with reference to those who failed to stand for the true teachings of the Church, there is now here in America a body of Lutherans at once mild and broad-minded, and yet, pursuing "first and supremely the maintenance of unity in the true faith of the Gospel as our Church confesses it."

Our fathers contemplated just such a body as has arisen in the General Council. They said in the call:

"The Church needs an organization in which Christian liberty shall work wisely under the law of love, and in the grace and beauty of divine order, and in which shall be unmistakably acknowledged the common faith once delivered to the saints, the testimony of which is found in unmingled purity in the Unaltered Augsburg Confession in its original and only true sense, on which our Church rests as her unchangeable confessional foundation. Such an organization would have the vigor necessary to efficient action and to so much uniformity as is needed to embody true unity, yet would provide such complete and wise safeguards as to prevent it from being made the instrument of inequality or oppression. It would avoid the weakness of government, which first runs

into anarchy, and then by reaction into tyranny. It would shun the laxity in doctrinal obligation in which error, first satisfied in being tolerated, speedily goes on to rule."

"We are not moving in this matter on doubtful grounds," says the Call. "With our communion of millions scattered over a vast territory, with the ceaseless tide of immigration, with the diversity of surrounding usuages and of religious life, with our need of ministers, our imperfect provision for the urgent wants of the Church, there is danger that the genuinely Lutheran elements may become alienated, that the narrow and local may overcome the broad and general, that the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace may be lost, **and that our Church, which alone in the history of Protestantism has maintained a genuine catholicity and unity, should drift into the sectarianism and separatism which characterize and curse our land.**"

Now, after a whole generation has sped away, can we not see the counterpart in fact, in this body which is meeting here, and of which we are representatives today, and which is scattered over the whole of North America, to that picture drawn by the pen of those God-given men who felt impelled by reasons of the gravest kind to assume the serious responsibility of first organizing this body?

We cannot be sufficiently thankful for what God put in their minds to do, and for the development that followed upon their effort. Their success has been beyond what a sober view of the situation would have deemed probable. The nature of the case really hinted at failure in this bold attempt. The marvel is, that among Germans, Scandinavians and English, such a body, beautifully wrought together, magnificent in strength and proportions, should have been possible at all. The marvel is that the General Council did not go to pieces before the first ten years had fled—and that it did not, is not of our effort; it is the Lord's doing.

Whether the sound doctrine will sufficiently prevail, and historical, racial, and other individual considerations will sufficiently decline, to enable the true Lutheran Church of our land, standing completely on its great confessional foundations, ever to embrace all Lutherans in America is a question which no human being can answer. God has not led Christianity itself in any such universal path as yet. There has always been the Church of the East and the Church of the West. Since the days of the Reformation, Protestantism itself, especially, has been divided. It has not been able to solve the question of universality, and the character of the means with which it has been taking hold of that problem recently will ultimately retard rather than further the

solution. But so far as Lutheranism itself is concerned, contrary to the prevailing American view of it, as divided into many sects, all our general organizations have done wonders within the last generation to bring order out of chaos, strength out of weakness, and the effective application of power out of a primal and individualistic confusion.

We cannot be sufficiently thankful to the founders of the General Council for the nature of the tabernacle which they bequeathed to us and in which they provided for liberty and union, now and forever, one and inseparable. Ours is a Lutheranism too broad to be embraced in any language. Ours is a Lutheranism which is not national. but continental and international.

The Lutheran Church is as broad as the world. It is not a national church, but is like the roll of the British drum-beat. History has shown that it furnishes the best and most patriotic citizens and the bravest defenders of the flag for any nation; but, as a church, we are fostering not nationalism, but an international spirit. Our Saviour said, "Go ye out into *all the world.*" He said, "Ye shall be witnesses both in Jerusalem and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." That is the spirit of the Council.

This spirit is imbedded in its very title "The Church in North America." We are a broader stream than the stream of any race, and are ready to greet hand in hand the children of the pure faith from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof. Let us then make our many nationalities, and our numerous sectional feelings and activities which, by nature, are a source of weakness, to be, by grace, an instrumentality of power. If our international character be a cause of slowness and difficulties, let it also become unto us a great source of our strength, our joy and our pride.

In order that such may be the case, we need to strengthen both the liberty and the union of our bond. To this end I arranged a German Lehr Konferenz, at which the peculiarly German problems of the Council were successfully discussed.

While it was the aim of our founders to allow, to all integral parts of the Council, the largest possible degree of individual liberty consistent with a hearty union, this was not intended by them to be extended to the sphere of doctrine, for the simple reason, that in the Lutheran Church doctrine is a fixed thing:

the Holy Scriptures ever have been, are, and ever will be, the only rule of faith and life.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL AND THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

Since it has been asserted that the General Council is weakening in the doctrine of the Scriptures, under the influence of the Higher Criticism; and since these principles are doing so much in the American churches to disintegrate faith in the letter and the spirit of the Scriptures, I recommend that we reaffirm our position, and declare that the General Council holds now as ever to the old teaching of the fathers, that the Holy Scriptures are *inerrant in letter, fact and doctrine;* as our Constitution and Principles of Faith maintain: "The absolute directory of the Will of Christ is the Word of God, the Canonical Scriptures, by which Scriptures the Church is to be guided in every decision. She may set forth no article of faith which is not taught by the very letter of God's Word, or derived by just and necessary inference from it, and her liberty concerns those things only which are left free by the letter and spirit of God's Word."

We affirm that we have not given way by a hair's breadth to the rationalism, or the rationalizing spirit, of the Higher Criticism; nor will we allow errant human reason to be the judge of what is and what is not God's Word in the Scriptures. Not only the revelation and its record; but the history and its record, *the whole Scripture,* in spirit and letter, is inspired. To us the Scriptures are God's written Word, as preaching is the spoken Word; and this written Word, though it was, and must and should be thoroughly tested by our poor human reason, is grasped and accepted by our faith as it is, and as above us, even where not comprehended by reason; or where apparently imperiled by the momentary consensus of a modern scientific or historical scholarship. The Scriptures are our only and infallible rule; and our rule is so trustworthy, and our faith in it so absolute and supreme, that, while science and history are continuously passing away, we know by faith that one jot or one title shall in no wise pass from the Scriptures till all be fulfilled.

With Luther, we point to the *written Word* on the table, as the source and rule of our faith: *"This is my body."* That is the *very word.*

With the Smalcald Articles we say, "Wo denken doch die armen Leute hin? Meinen sie, dasz die Schrift ohne Ursache einerlei so oft mit klaren Worten erholet? Meinen sie, **dasz der Heilige Geist sein Wort nicht gewisz und bedachtlich setze, oder nicht wisse, was er rede?**" (107).

With the Smalcald Articles we also say, "Augustine teaches correctly that Paul speaks **of the entire law** as he discusses at length, **'of the spirit and the letter.'** " (104). "Indeed the spirit of an inner light will lurk in Adam and his children to the end of the world....therefore we must emphasize the fact that God does not desire to deal with us men, except through **His outer Word and Sacrament.** But whatever is installed as being of the spirit **without such Word and Sacrament** is the devil himself. For God first of all appeared to Moses through the fiery bush and the oral word; and no prophet, neither Elijah nor Elisha received the Spirit without the Ten Commandments....and Peter says, 'but holy men spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.' **Without the external word they were not holy.**" (323).

With the Formula of Concord, "we believe, teach and confess that the one rule and standard according to which all dogmas and teachers should be esteemed and judged, are the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures of the Old and of the New Testament. Other writings should be altogether subordinated to the Holy Scriptures." (517). "We receive and embrace the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as the pure, clear fountains of Israel, which are the one true standard whereby to judge all teachers and doctrines." (569).

We say with the Smalcald Articles, "It is of no consequence that articles of faith are framed *from the words of the holy Fathers,* we have, however, another rule, viz., that the *Word of God* could frame articles of faith; otherwise no one, *not even an angel.*"

And to all the critics who seek freedom for the human mind, by undermining or limiting the revelation and the inspiration of the Scriptures, we say, with Luther,

"Das Wort sie sollen lassen stahn!"

THE PRINCIPLE OF CO-OPERATION WITH CHRISTIANS NOT IN ITS BODY.

The General Council bears an open and loving and helpful, not a closed attitude toward those without, i. e., toward those seeking the truth, or who uphold honest convictions in the fear of God and with uncorrupt will. It is the nature of our body to be patient, bearing all things, having pleasure in approval rather than condemnation; in concord rather than in discord. The first of our Confessions—that of Augsburg—and the last, the Form of Concord, in substance and in tone, and our own history, are set in evidence on that point. We are willing and anxious to co-operate for the saving of souls and the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom with all of God's children wheresoever they be found.

Yet we are prevented from co-operating if thereby an injury

is done to our conscience; or if we thereby compromise one iota of our most precious treasure, for which we have been called into existence; a treasure which is blood-bought, and above all price; and for which thousands of confessors have laid down home, friends, worldly success and life.

This treasure is the pure doctrine of salvation. With those to whom the purity of the faith, the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, means much, will we walk up to the point where both conclude we must part. But with those to whom the purity of the faith means little, or less than all; less than friendship, blood, practical success, the spirit of the age, and similar considerations, we are always in danger. Our chief treasure they do not so highly regard, and we cannot entrust it to them with the feeling that it is safe. They place other things on a par with this treasure, or above it, and this is a case where no man can have two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other..

Since we exist solely for the sake of the pure Gospel principle, and all other things are subordinate, even our best friends without (and still less our enemies) cannot ask us to commit ourselves to association with any people, plan, teachings, or temperament which would derogate from our doctrine; or which would convey the impression to the wayfaring man that we have loosened our hold and relaxed our standard of the truth.

Wherever we can work with a common Christianity, or with a common Lutheranism, with the assurance that no harm, immediate or remote, will come to our one great purpose of testimony to the truth, or to our integrity of conscience, we are ready to do so with joy; but wherever we are in doubt as to such a happy issue,—and we must be our own judges,—it is right and reasonable for us to decline to run any risk of exposing our highest good to danger, for the sake of attaining a lower and less important good; and no one in his fair and honest heart can blame us for failing to join in such a common movement.

We do attach the greatest importance to every Word of God; but we do not attach the greatest importance, except as a matter of high ideal, effective work, and wise expediency, to unity of external ecclesiastical organization. Our unwillingness to co-operate with others, if it be an honest and conscientious thing, is not to be taken as a sign of dead orthodoxy; but as a sign of a living faith; it is not to be regarded as an evidence of a narrow outlook, but as a willingness to stand by one's convictions; it is not to be branded as a love of denomination or of Church above Christ; but is to be respected as an unswerving loyalty to Christ and His truth as we see it.

If this be true, we are in a position to lay down a safe and impregnable rule for co-operation on the part of the General Council, viz., *"The General Council can co-operate in all matters in*

which it can openly apply its Fundamental Principles of Faith and Polity as a basis; and only in these."

That this quality of a patient and open mind on the one hand, and a firm grasp on truth on the other, really characterizes the General Council may be seen in its history. For instance, in 1893, it declares, with respect to the co-operation of all Lutheran bodies:

"The General Council hails with the greatest satisfaction any movement, which will tend to bring together all who bear the Lutheran name in this country, in a closer bond of true unity. We cordially reciprocate the desire expressed by the General Synod to cultivate fraternal relations between all the sundered parts of our beloved Church, and rejoice in any evidences which may be furnished of their drawing nearer together and forming a sincere and real union. We believe, however, that practical co-operation in Church work is founded upon and must spring out of unity in doctrine and faith and in the Sacraments."

And this temper of ours, of the sympathetic mind but the strong grasp and honest heart, the temper which is true at once to faith and to charity, is the only one of service in dealing with the most difficult problem of modern Protestantism, and of a common Christianity—a problem, be it remembered, which we did not create and which God Himself will have a hand in solving.

Since we may not rush into either extreme, but are obliged to see good wherever it may be found, and to see evil wherever it may be found, and since we cannot join in free and easy laxity on the one hand, nor resort to wholesale condemnation on the other, we must expect criticism and dissatisfaction with us from both sides, and must be satisfied patiently to bear scorn that comes to those who try to be just.

The relation of the General Council to the General Synod, is one of the important topics, arising out of the question of co-operation, to be placed before this body, in a paper presented by one of our Synods. On this account I have requested Dr. H. E. Jacobs, of the Chair of Systematic Theology in the Philadelphia Seminary, to make an examination of the Confessional basis of both bodies and to set forth the relationship between the two in the form of Theses, in which the subject can be discussed on its merits, and with such unimpassioned deliberation as the topic deserves. Dr. Jacobs has accepted the appointment, and the Theses are ready.

THE PRINCIPLE OF FELLOWSHIP.

Fellowship is a far more intimate thing than co-operation. Co-operation is a combined support in prosecution of a business plan; but fellowship is a life together. Co-operation is a limited association for definite ends; but fellowship is an unlimited association in spiritual life. Fellowship throws open all the doors, unlocks

all the strong boxes, and bids the other one abide in our soul and heart.

Modern Christianity greatly abuses the principle of fellowship; and, in so far destroys both its value and its sacredness. On the grounds of a broad humanity it would admit even those to the heart of the Church, who despise the precious merits of the Head of the Church.

Within recent years it has become customary in sectarian America for Christians to worship God on certain great and public occasions in common with those who deny the name of Christ.

It need scarcely be said that a willingness of the Christian Church to unite in worship with unconverted Gentiles or Jews, it is not broad-mindedness, but is latitudinarianism. As an official act, and apart from any kindly spirit which may animate it, it does injury; and is disrespect to the name of Jesus Christ. Such Christian fellowship is un-Christian; it is un-Lutheran; it is against the spirit and utterances of the General Council. The General Council believes in preaching to Gentiles and Jews to convert them; but not in preaching on the same platform with heathenism or Judaism to justify either as a separate form of religion before the world. We believe in Jewish Missions; yet not in putting Jewish rabbis who desire Christian recognition into our pulpits.

In Milwaukee, where we last met, the Secretary of the General Council was the only Protestant pastor in the city who protested against congratulations extended in the name of the Protestant churches by a Methodist pastor at the dedication of a Jewish synagogue. This act of faithfulness on the part of the English Secretary of the General Council, who resides in a German Lutheran community, was not alluded to by critics of the General Council, though opposite instances of supposed lack of discipline were widely heralded.

During the past two years, the President of the General Council was charged, by outsiders, with fellowship, in connection with the consecration of a General Council Mission Church, contrary to the action of the General Council. He was innocent of such fellowship, and issued a statement in "The Lutheran" covering the subject of Fellowship, which is herewith submitted.

He would recommend that the General Council caution its Home Mission Board to see that on all occasions the details of its services abide by any declarations the Council may have made on this subject; and to avoid all unwitting occasion of offence to brethren within the bounds of the Council.

THE PRINCIPLE APPLIED TO THE PACIFIC SEMINARY.

In 1905 the abstract of The Minutes of the Pacific Synod, to the General Council, say that,

"The principal subject of importance considered by the Pacific Synod was the projected Theological Seminary in connection with the General Synod. After consideration

of the project by parties representing both Synods, our Synod finally adopted the following resolutions:

"1. That we heartily favor the immediate founding of the proposed Seminary of the Pacific coast.

"2. That we pledge our moral support.

"3. That we pledge such annual financial support as we may be able to raise.

"6. That co-operation be conditioned on equal representation of the Board of Directors.

"7. That the delegate to the General Council be hereby instructed to present the matter to that body and solicit an equal interest with that of the General Synod."

There is no record of any action by the Council in the last Minutes, nor in the excellent report which the Pacific delegate to the General Council made of the Council's meeting to the meeting of his Synod on June 21, 1906, when the Pacific Synod took the following action:

"Resolved, That the Pacific Theological Seminary be inaugurated.

"1. On the basis of equal representation.

"2. On equal financial and moral support.

"3. That neither Synod shall enter the other's territory without the approval of the mission committees of both Synods.

4. That the doctrinal basis shall be: ...The Augsburg Confession, The Apology, The Smalcald Articles, both the Small and Large Catechism of Luther and The Formula of Concord, as the true exposition of the Divine Word and the rule of faith to which our Seminary professors shall subscribe.

"5. That a Professorship in the German language be established and maintained."

Of these, three items were approved, and presumably the balance were adopted later on. Thus did our little Pacific Synod in its effort to do great things for the Lutheran Church valiantly stand for the full doctrinal position of the General Council; and the various steps are here recorded because they constitute the most imposing effort at Lutheran co-operation as yet attempted.

At the meeting of the General Synod in Sunbury, that body took the following action:

Resolved, That the request of the committee on the proposed Pacific Lutheran Seminary be commended to the Board of Education of the General Synod for its support as soon as, in the judgment of the Board, the confessional basis of the proposed seminary conforms to that of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church.

The action of the General Synod shows that it is as strictly loyal toward its basis as we are to ours—for which it is to be commended, if its basis differs in any essential way from that of the General Council.

A union Theological Seminary, under partial control of two separate bodies, not in organic working contact with each other, is, in any case, an unhappy form of co-operation. Since a Seminary for the training of teachers and pastors is the fountain of the Church's life, the stream flowing therefrom, should be pure and undivided in quality. Our history as to any union Theological Seminary education, in the east, between the

General Synod and the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, should be a lesson to the whole Church. These union efforts and ideals, first with the University of Pennsylvania, and with Columbia College in New York, later with Franklin and Marshall College, and still later with Gettysburg, kept back General Council Lutheranism for full three-quarters of a century.

What is worth doing is worth doing right and permanently, even on the Pacific coast. Any portions of the Lutheran Church should think well before they begin to build a house that may be divided against itself.

The third resolution of the Pacific Synod, viz: that neither of the two Synods "shall enter the other's territory without the approval of the Mission Committees of both Synods," is a note of warning, coming out of its own midst, of what the Synod that enters into a movement of this kind may expect in the long future, and the proviso with reference to a professorship in the German language is a strange reminder of the experience of the Pennsylvania Ministerium in the past with reference to the institutions at Gettysburg. So soon as there is a solid foundation beneath efforts at Lutheran co-operation, let us abandon sectionalism, and let us give the great West an opportunity to rise untrammeled by the more unhappy experiences and the traditions of the East, but let the start made be square. Although the Seminary were founded on all the Confessions of our Church, it would not be wise to take advantage of the General Synod. The General Council is intensely loyal to the doctrine, the General Synod is entirely loyal to its organization. In co-operating in a common Theological institution, one or other of the two parties will be embarrassed.

The cloudiness and uncertainty which such a Seminary might inflict on the whole Church should not be overlooked. It is said that things are different on the Pacific coast; in 1638 to 1785 things were also different on the Atlantic coast. Delaware and Pennsylvania were then a newer country to Europe than California is to the United States. Pacific coast theological graduates will not stay on the coast. The East works westward; and the West works eastward.

The establishment of a new seminary within the General Council is not a local, nor even a purely Synodical matter.

Even the Pennsylvania Ministerium, we are confident, would not undertake at this time to establish a new Theological Seminary in its territory on its own account and without consulting the General Council. The English parts of the General Council are so intimately connected with each other that what affects one part affects all, and it is a matter of justice to our larger relationships that in any new measure affecting the whole Church, those who are with us in the unity of the faith should have an opportunity to express their judgment before any part enters into decisive action.

How many years was it before the General Council gave permission for the establishment of the Chicago Seminary, a wholly General Council institution? It is the constitutional province of the General Council itself on new territory to establish theological seminaries; and no Synod in this body wishes to establish new seminaries without carefully considering the interests of other Synods related to it in the bounds of the Council.

PROGRESSIVENESS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

There are signs that the self-sacrificing missionary spirit of the Apostles, and that a living faith in the all-conquering Word of God, are becoming stronger within the General Council. Pastors, Synods and laymen are taking a larger and more constructive view of things. "The Lutheran," our only official visible bond, is an organ of which we may well be proud, and which in true humility of spirit, and without self-glorification, has steadily

been opening the eyes of the tardy, and creating within us a consciousness of our weakness and our power.

INNER MISSION.

Since our last meeting the Inner Mission work has been taken seriously in almost all parts of the Council. What our Church needs in this line is a common plan of work that we may not waste the enthusiasm of a generation in the idea rather than in laying the foundation of a comprehensive structure. Lutheran inertia has lost unnumbered opportunities to the Church. In the Inner Mission work, we need a more definite agency for the production of inner mission workers, not lay leaders nor laymen—but reliable inner mission clergymen, to act as a substantial center of operations in our larger cities. In order to grasp a new agency such as this, let us cherish a faith and love for the General Council and its principles; and make such patient effort as will prevent the dry rot, so apt to consume power, welling in the heart of our young men, from overtaking us.

We have progressed wonderfully in disabusing ourselves of sectional considerations in the last few years, and I am satisfied that this Council is going to stand for the right thing always, and to go withersoever God plainly points our way.

SEAMEN'S WORK IN NEW YORK.

On the 5th of last December I met the Rev. Mr. Thun sent over by the Seamen's branch of the Allgemeine Konferenz to establish a Lutheran Seamen's Mission in the city of New York.

His credentials were found to be satisfactory. He described the plan under which his association was operating, the imperative reason why it had come to New York, and the situation as it presented itself to him after investigation. I advised him to establish a temporary committee prior to the formation of a Board, and to secure the hearty co-operation of our New York pastors. He has faithfully kept me advised, from time to time, of his great success, and I ask that he be given permission to state to the Council what has been accomplished.

PORTO RICO.

In Porto Rico, our mission has been laboring for eight years, and during this whole period the work has been conducted on a very economical basis. Other denominations have buildings, and church extension societies in the field, but we are still in a rented room, at a great disadvantage. Six years ago, the Foreign Mission Board decided to buy property in San Juan and

sent on some funds for that purpose, but the Episcopalians had already secured the building. It does not seem wise for us to continue our important work in Porto Rico in this temporary way, with exorbitant expenditure for rents, and without gaining any property foothold on the Island. I commend any proposition which the Porto Rico Board may see fit to make, to the most serious attention of this Convention.

CUBA.

In November, 1905, I received a letter from Pastor L. Breu, from the Isle of Pines, Cuba, in which he requested me to send him immediately an official authorization to perform ministerial acts of the Lutheran Church in Cuba.

He stated that there were many Lutherans there, that the Government would not allow him to care for them unless he came duly attested with an official certificate from the President of a general religious body in the United States, and that this would be the beginning of a great work for the General Council. The authorization also needed to be attested by the Consul in New York. I first of all sent the paper of Rev. Breu to the Porto Rico Mission Board, who felt that the case was not such a one as they could take care of, and then consulted with the President of the New York Ministerium, of which body Rev. Breu had formerly been a member.

As Rev. Breu was not in any active connection with any Lutheran general body, and there seemed to be no proposition for regular oversight of this individual missionary work, the certificate was not granted. If the General Council is to enter Cuba, every step taken should be taken with proper regularity. The correspondence is submitted.

BRAZIL.

On April 2d, 1906, I received an appeal from Brazil to Lutherans in the fellowship of the faith in North America, duly attested by Otto Kuhr, President of the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of St. Catharine, Parana and other states, in reference to the minister and congregation at Curityba, Parana, Brazil.

This was forwarded to the Rev. Emil Kraehling, President of the German Home Mission Board of the General Council, with the request that he consult with the German Corresponding Secretary of the Council as to what disposition of the case might be effected.

In the report of the meeting of this Brazilian Synod sent me, it appears that the doctrinal foundations are those of the General Council, and that the Synod would probably not be averse to a connection with the General Council.

Our German Home Mission Board has not felt itself able to give any encouragement to this South American movement, on the ground that the work is in the hands and under the protectorate of a Missionary Society in Germany; and that we hardly have sufficient means at our disposal to carry on our work in Canada and Oregon; and I

myself have felt that while the General Council may have a great duty and opportunity for the upbuilding of a proper Lutheran Church in South America, yet, until technicalities are overcome, we must confine our operations to the continent of North America. But I deem it my duty, in this connection, to direct attention to the fact that the General Synod, whose constitutional limits confine it to the United States, has resolved to go into wider work.

GERMANY.

On March 21, 1906, I received a communication from Supt. Pentzlin as to confessional troubles brewing in the International Conference; and in the fall of the year, Dr. Spaeth received a similar letter from Dr. Alfred Resch.. These letters were replied to with the assurance that the General Council would stand to a sound confessional position.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH REVIEW AND THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The Lutheran Church Review announces itself as "upholding the principles of the General Council," and deals with current theological issues from a supposed General Council standpoint, believing that the interests of the Council are thus subserved; and that positive positions, when taken without insubordination, with a willingness to submit to future revision, and with due reference to the Fundamental Principles of the Council, are a blessing. This was the method pursued by Dr. C. P. Krauth in his epochal discussions in earlier years in The Lutheran.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH ALMANAC AND THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

We draw attention to improvements made in the Lutheran Church Almanac for 1907 and in the coming issue for 1908, under the active editorship of Rev. W. M. Kopenhaver and the enterprise of the Publication Board.

We suggest that the Council determine that hereafter our own periodicals, our own homes for orphans and aged, our own asylums, hospitals, immigration, seaman's, and deaconess institutions, our own seminaries, colleges and academies be placed at the head of their various lists. The readers of the Almanac are interested in our institutions first and foremost, though we do not desire any to be excluded. Further facts are submitted.

LOSSES BY DEATH.

From the energy with which the Angel of Death has been invading our ranks, and removing from our midst the founders of the General Council, it became apparent, prior to our meeting at Milwaukee, that if we wished to have these honored and venerable fathers with us on the occasion of our Anniversary

Jubilee, we would have to celebrate it before our semi-centennial arrived. Therefore the Council determined to signalize its Fortieth Anniversary, this year, with such a celebration.

How wise that action was, the events of the last two years do show. Throughout the Lutheran Church, leaders of conspicuous ability during the stirring days of the Nineteenth Century have been taken away. The Iowa Synod, on the 14th of last May, suffered the death of its worthy president, and one of its original founders, Dr. Johannes Deindörfer. The General Synod lost the venerable Dr. Sprecher, who presided at the memorable meeting at Ft. Wayne, and on whose decision from the chair, apparently, the destiny of the future English Lutheran Church in America hung. It also lost Dr. Severinghaus, the head of the German movement, and German Seminary in Chicago, and Dr. M. H. Valentine, the head of the Gettysburg institutions. To us, our losses have been very serious, and will be felt most keenly during our celebration.

DR. G. F. KROTEL.

The most conspicuous of these losses has come to us in the death of the Rev. Dr. G. F. Krotel, of New York. Dr. Krotel probably had more to do with the successful launching and subsequent maintenance of the General Council than almost any other man, and the value of his services in giving life, stability, and form to our organization has not been, as yet, fully estimated. Like Dr. Schantz he was a man of deeds and words and service, rather than a formulator of fundamental principles, or a writer. He used up his sane judgment, his insight, his tenacity of purpose, his power of leadership, in the exigencies of the present moment; and even when he committed his words to print, they were simply intended to set forth or to influence present action. While, therefore, it was Dr. C. P. Krauth who, to a large extent, gave doctrinal and constitutional stability to the General Council, and while Drs. B. M. Schmucker, J. A. Seiss and others, passed their work on in an abiding form, it was Drs. G. F. Krotel, W. A. Passavant, G. Bassler, W. J. Mann, and others, some of whom are still living, and are therefore not mentioned, who gave the Council the breath of life, knit its membership together, and kept it on the pathway of safe and healthy expansion.

Dr. Krotel was the head of the Pennsylvania delegation at the now famous meeting of the General Synod at York and led our fathers in opposing the admission of the Franckean Synod, and in withdrawing from the sessions and reporting to the Ministerium. When the next meeting of the General Synod came off, at Ft. Wayne, in 1866, it was Dr. Krotel who prepared and read the reply of the Pennsylvania delegation to the action of the General Synod. After their return home, it was he who prepared and read the report of that Ft. Wayne delegation to the Mother Ministerium, at Lancaster, and it was he who then was made chairman, by the Ministerium, of a committee to issue a call to Lutheran Synods in America, which led to the Reading Convention of 1866 and the organization of the General Council in 1867.

It was he who headed the delegation of the Ministerium at that Reading Convention, and who was made chairman of the committee to whom the important "documents" were presented for the consideration of the Convention. It is to him that we owe the name and title which we bear, viz, the General Council.

It was he also who was made chairman of the committee to draft a constitution for the General Council, and who is on the rolls of the Council as the first delegate to its first assembly, with Dr. C. P. Krauth second, Dr. W. J. Mann third, Dr. C. W. Schaeffer fourth, Dr. J. A. Seiss fifth, B. M. Schmucker sixth, S. K. Brobst seventh, C. F. Welden eighth, and Dr. E. Greenwald ninth, together with Rev. G. Bassler, H. W. Roth, W. A. Passavant, G. C. Wenzel from the Pittsburgh Synod, Prof. Hasselquist, Revs. Hattlestadt, and Er. Carlson from the Augustana Synod, Father Heyer from the Minnesota Synod, Rev. J. Fishburn from the Synod of Canada, Rev. S. A. Harkey from the Synod of Illinois, the Professors Fritschel, from Iowa.

Dr. Krotel was the third President of the General Council, Rev. G. Bassler and Dr. C. W. Schaeffer having preceded him.

This was in 1869, at Chicago. In 1889, at Pittsburgh, and in 1891, at Buffalo, he was President again, and would undoubtedly have been re-elected for a much longer period had it not been for his inability to attend the meetings.

Before the organization of the General Council and as a part of the same movement, Dr. Krotel, then pastor of St. Mark's Church, was a practical and active center in the establishment of the Philadelphia Theological Seminary; and it was due in considerable part to his influence that a large portion of the original endowment was secured. It was a fitting thing, therefore, that, on the death of Dr. J. A. Seiss, Dr. Krotel should become the President of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, of which he was such a leading founder and the only surviving professor; and he held this position, discharging its duties with great fidelity, up to the time of his death.

After Dr. Krauth had done his great work, at the time of the formation of the General Council, as Editor of the Lutheran and Missionary, Dr. Krotel served on the editorial committee and for two years was the sole editor of The Lutheran, and became a regular correspondent thereto, continuing throughout the balance of his life. When, in 1895, the General Council decided to take over the scattered individual English papers in the General Council, and create from them a new Lutheran as its official organ, it was the acceptance by Dr. Krotel of the office of editor-in-chief of the paper which enabled the enterprise to succeed, and he conducted it with singular discrimination and ability, in the midst of many dangers, in conjunction with his able and faithful managing editor, to the day of his death.

Dr. Krotel also edited the German Lutherische Herold for three years, and he was throughout all his life, a safe and living medium of connection between the German and the English sides of the General Council. Equally at home, not merely in both languages, but in the feelings and thoughts of both these races, and equally respected by both, God raised him up at the critical period of the formation of the General Council to be a true middle man, an effective mediator, who should bring and keep together in the unity of the faith those who otherwise might have failed to understand each other and to possess the requisite confidence and patience in each other's thoughts and actions. It was a fortunate thing, indeed, for the General Council that the outlook of Dr. Krotel was from a German heart in an English atmosphere, with a full recognition of Swedish rights and feeling.

At the time of his death, Dr. Krotel was President of the Trustees of the General Council, chairman of its Church Book Committee, of which he was a life-long and important member; chairman of a committee to prepare a Digest, or General Council Book, and Editor-in-chief of The Lutheran.

All these positions are now vacant and will have to be filled at the present meeting of the Council.

The last words that he ever wrote for The Lutheran, in apparently good health, were reminiscent of the days preceding and following the organization of the General Council. They ran, in part, as follows:

"We have before us the proceedings of the Convention of 1866 [the Convention that organized the General Council], and find that of the nine clerical delegates, Dr. Laird and the writer are the only survivors. Dr. Mechling, of the English District Synod of Ohio, Professor Adam Martin and Prof. M. Loy, of the Joint Synod of Ohio, who preached the able opening sermon. Rev. H. W. Roth, of the Pittsburgh Synod, and Rev. R. Adelberg survive. Most of the ministers, whose names are recorded as visiting brethren, have also passed away.

"The General Council, then planned, will hold its Fortieth Convention in September this year, in the city of Buffalo, in which our Church is strong and daily growing more so, which is a city admirably located. But, as we think of the things that happened at Reading, in 1853 and 1866, we could have wished that the Fortieth Convention might have been held at Reading.

"There has been steady progress in the appreciation of the doctrine and usages of our Lutheran Church, and pastors and congregations are more earnestly than ever cooperating in cultivating great fields providentially assigned them, in sustaining the important institutions committed to their care, and in doing their full share of the work of the General Council."

And then, closing his New York Letter, he wrote, "Men may die, and congregations and Synods may change, but the Word of the Lord abideth for ever and the gates of hell shall not prevail against His Church."

Thus we see that Dr. Krotel, at the time of his death, was looking forward with keen interest to the Fortieth Anniversary of the General Council whose celebration we begin today.

A few weeks after the death of Dr. Krotel, the staff correspondents of The Lutheran informed me that they had unanimously elected Dr. G. W. Sandt to the position of Editor-in-Chief during the interim. One of them said, "My vote goes most gratefully and cordially for the Rev. G. W. Sandt, D.D. His work stands. It was a good day for The Lutheran and all Lutherans when God called him to his work." The other votes were just as cheerfully and unanimously in his favor, and when we consider that at frequent intervals, during the indisposition of the Editor-in-Chief, the whole work of The Lutheran, in the writing of editorials, devolved upon Dr. Sandt for months at a time, so that, during past years, perhaps two-thirds of the editorial labor was often performed by him; and when we consider further that the life, tone, make-up and control of the paper, outside of the editorial columns, have from the start, been largely in the hand of Dr. Sandt, the choice of the staff correspondents, must, on all sides, be regarded not only as a proper one, and a deserved tribute to a faithful, humble and whole-souled servant of the General Council in the work of the Lord; but as one which is wise and essential for the future of The Lutheran, and which the Council cannot do better than permanently ratify in the election which must now take place.

DR. F. J. F. SCHANTZ.

Among those who have died since our last meeting, Dr. F. J. F. Schantz, of Myerstown, Pa., was the most striking and original figure. His presence at the meetings of the General Council, which he faithfully attended for a period of over thirty years, from 1874 on, and whose interests he faithfully and conscientiously served, will be missed among the delegates, and his personality will probably never be replaced. He not only aided the Council at many critical moments, as, when, for instance, he became agent and undertook tours for the English Home Mission Board; but, though he rarely offered resolutions, he was most conscientious and scrupulous in carrying out all action that the Council had passed.

He used his influence in this direction in the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and made his own field, where he was obliged to suffer more than once because of his conscientious and unfaltering adherence to the Galesburg Rule, a model in this respect. Like Rev. Brobst, of Allentown, and Dr. Krotel, of Philadelphia and New York, he was a valuable connecting link between the different languages and ecclesiastical organizations of the Council; and in his public utterances, as occasion afforded, he always furthered the influence and upheld the good name of our body. May the genial and forceful personality of good old Dr. Schantz long be held in memory at the meetings of this Council, and may his love for the Council as a whole be reechoed in every heart.

DR. S. A. REPASS.

Still another prominent loss which we have suffered during the past two years, is by the death of Dr. S. A. Repass, who was at the time of his decease and for years previously the English Corresponding Secretary of the General Council, and whose place should be filled at this session.

The personal influence of Dr. Repass, his quiet and thoughtful and unruffled temperament, his unwillingness to commit himself to action before it was thoroughly understood, and his general bearing in the midst of our Conventions inspired and maintained universal respect, and materially aided us in the transaction of our work. Dr. Repass was also a member of the Board of Home Missions and this vacancy will have to be filled.

DR. WILLIAM ASHMEAD SCHAEFFER.

The last, but by no means the least of the losses of the General Council, has occurred in the death of Dr. William Ashmead Schaeffer. He was a true scion of his illustrious ancestry, and a worthy bearer of a name that has never been known but in honor in the history of the Lutheran Church in America. Imbued with a loyal General Council spirit, his activities on behalf of the future Lutheran Church were indefatigable and can scarcely be overestimated. He did all, both as a minister, and as a man of business, of executive ability and of means, that lay in his power for the preservation and the extension of the Lutheran Church in its coming history in this land, and for the upbuilding of the Lord's kingdom in foreign lands. He was for many years the indefatigable Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions and the valiant champion and defender of its policies on the floor of this Council, and was a member of the Board up to the time of his death. He has also been the active and far-seeing President of the Board of Publication, even since its reorganization and expansion, and much of the marvelous success in its upbuilding, as well as of its unselfish spirit in doing that which was for the welfare of God's kingdom, rather than merely for pe-

cuniary gain, was due to the influence in its counsels of Dr. Schaeffer.

Under his leadership it grew unaided by any such help as, for instance, was given the General Synod Publication Board in its earlier days, and without the acquirement of gradual strength, such as that Board enjoyed for many years, into an institution of great things.

Dr. Schaeffer had faith in the Confessions and faith of the Lutheran Church, and in its future in this land to the last degree, and he was loyal to that faith to the end. His high sense of personal and ecclesiastical honor was an inspiration to those who were associated with him on Committees and Boards and in other business relations of the Church. He always was willing to bear the brunt of a battle. Although he probably was in more conflicts in behalf of the interests which he represented in the Church than any other man of his generation, no stain of dishonor ever rested upon his name, and even when his purposes and motives were misunderstood, no suspicion of an unworthy interest ever arose in any mind.

OTHER LOSSES.

Another of those who will be greatly missed as the years pass, and of whose serious illness mention was made in the President's Report at Milwaukee, is the Rev. David H. Geissinger, D.D., of Pittsburgh. Dr. Geissinger was a willing and able servant of the Council, constructive in purpose, powerful in advocacy, prompt in obedience to the Council's instructions, without bias, and devoted to a sound and thoughtful Lutheranism.

The Swedish brethren have suffered great losses. Among these were the Rev. A. Aaron, who was thoroughly familiar with the historical foundations on the Delaware, and who was preparing an extensive work on that subject; the Rev. Carl J. Beckman, of Olean, N. Y., the Rev. A. J. Rodell, of Oakland, Cal., the Rev. J. A. Sandell, of Des Moines, Ia., the youthful and talented editor of the General Council Swedish Lesson Quarterly; the Rev. C. V. Vestling, of Michigan, and the Rev. P. Weden, of Kansas. All the deaths, except that of Dr. Geissinger, occurred within the Pennsylvania Ministerium and the Augustana Synod; and the majority of those departing in the Augustana Synod were under forty-five years of age.

INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION.

APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

In November, 1905, a pastor from Braunschweig, Germany, inquired as to positions in this country for sons of German pastors. Referred to the President of German Home Mission Board. In February, 1906, I appointed the Rev. J. C. Rausch a member of the Slav Mission Board. On June 25th, I transferred the Rev. E. M. Bachman to the Eastern Pennsylvania Inner Mission Committee, and appointed the Rev. F. F. Fry on the New York committee. In October, 1906, after consultation, a treasurer of the German Home Mission Board was elected.

OTHER DETAILS.

On November 14, 1905, a question as to the number of members constituting the German Home Mission Board was referred to the President of the Board and the Secretary of the Council. On Nov. 23, 1906, a German pastor of the New York Ministerium, inquired as to mission prices of the Kirchenbuch, and was referred to the Publication Board, whose custom it is to exchange other hymn books used in a congregation for the Kirchenbuch.

On April 25, 1906, a pastor of the English Synod of the Northwest suggested that the General Council take up a national offering for churches destroyed in the San Francisco earthquake, citing similar action on the part of Episcopal and Roman Catholic bishops. I referred him to the Augustana Synod, in whose jurisdiction the churches stood, and informed him that after the Chicago fire the General Council issued a stirring appeal in behalf of Dr. Evald's Church; but stated that there is no analogy to be drawn from the action of Episcopal or Roman Catholic bishops since they not only have complete territorial jurisdiction, but even possess the deeds of the burnt properties, while we have neither jurisdiction nor ownership, nor can we initiate action with reference to parishes which are part of one of our Synods. Temporal power with us arises from beneath, and not from the officers above, and thus weakens us in efforts at united action. It is part of the price we pay for liberty.

In June, 1906, the District Synod of Ohio celebrated its Golden Jubilee in the congregation of our venerable Dr. G. W. Mechling, and devoted an evening to a consideration of the faith, worship and missions of the General Council. In July, 1906, the President of the United Synod South expressed regret that it was not represented at our last Convention, because the Visitor failed to hear of his appointment. Letters of appeal have come from the Revs. F. W. Klein, J. L. Muldenhower, and J. Witke.

On September 28th, 1906, Rev. F. A. Linder, President of the Illinois Conference of the Augustana Synod, requested me to endorse a petition to the President of the General Synod to restrain it from establishing an English Lutheran Church in Galesburg, since the church at Galesburg is as English as Swedish, and has already taken steps to organize an exclusively English Lutheran Church. I signed the petition, especially in view of the past history of the General Council in the city of Galesburg. The congregation at Galesburg has acted promptly, and has given up a large part of its membership to form an English Church.

On Nov. 23, 1906, the Rev. G. Johannes, of Martin's Ferry, Ohio, wrote me that a Lutheran flock of Magyars, 110 men on the list, were holding services and communion in his German church, and that they afterward found a more suitable place of worship. A Reformed Missionary was on the ground, whom they rejected, but secured an able Lutheran Magyar preacher, by the name of Gernecke, whose credentials were correct. However, they were ostracised by the German Lutherans, and became discouraged and needed financial aid. Rev. Johannes added, "Here is a field ripe for the harvest, what am I to do?" After correspondence with the Slovak Board, which was unable to care for them, I advised them to apply to the Western Conference of the Pittsburg Synod, which promptly held a special meeting, and has been giving them the proper aid.

GENERAL COUNCIL TREASURY.

I recommend the appointment of a special committee on the treasury which shall devise ways and means of increasing its revenue.

OFFICIAL SEAL.

In making out and signing official papers on behalf of the General Council, the President has been frequently embarrassed from lack of a seal. In the summer of 1907, preliminary steps were taken toward the securing of a design for a seal for this purpose, and the papers, etc., are herewith submitted.

VISITATION; AND VISIT OF PASTOR PAULSEN.

During the past two years, your President has embraced every opportunity to speak a good word for the General Council, and to strengthen the bonds of our unity in the spirit. Among places visited have been New York, Easton, Philadelphia several times,

once in consultation with the seaman's pastor sent over by the Allgemeine Konferenz to establish a Seaman's Mission in New York; once at the Mary J. Drexel Home; once at the Luther Hospice; Strasburg, Chicago, Elgin, Rockford, Lancaster, Pittsburgh, several times; Washington, D. C., New Britain, Conn., and Jamestown, N. Y.

On Jan. 18, 1906, I received a pressing invitation to attend the meeting of the Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Synod, at St. Paul, with the assurance that the presence of the President of the General Council would probably "serve as a means of closer union, in that grand Church body in which we hold mutual interests"; but ill-health prevented acceptance of this important invitation.

On Dec. 3d, 1906, the Rev. Johannes Paulsen, of the institutions at Kropp, paid me an official visit in Lebanon, and, in an extended conference, set forth a hearty agreement of his institution with the doctrinal basis, churchly praxis, and general temper of the General Council; and expressed his belief in the ability of his institution to do great service for the Lutheran Church in America, and his conviction that young men coming over from Europe to serve the Lord, need a process of adaptation to American conditions. He gave assurance of hearty sympathy with the aims of the General Council. On Aug. 28, 1907, he wrote me inquiring whether the General Council could not make some arrangement to give Kropp an appropriation somewhat after the manner in which the General Synod has decided to co-operate with Breklum. Rev. Paulsen states that at the recent Kropp Jubilee Dr. Heischman delivered a great anniversary sermon, and four other American theologians preached.

FOREIGN MISSION MATTERS.

DEMAND OF H. P. HOLLER, POTOMAC UNIVERSITY.

On June 20, 1907, the Rev. Dr. Frick transmitted to me a communication from the Rev. Helmuth P. Holler, Ph.D., S.T.D., of the Oriental Seminary, of the Potomac University, Gowanda, N. Y., which is herewith submitted and in which the said Helmuth P. Holler demands a missionary's half salary for the first year of his return to America, after his resignation in India.

"I always had and still have confidence in the General Council as a whole, because there are many fine, honest members in the West whose voice cannot be drowned; and I most respectfully request the General Council that they now at last pay me at least $300, and I shall be satisfied. I shall have the full amount charged to you and have you prosecuted in court soon after your convention, in case you do not pay me before."

Mr. Holler, since his return to America, whatever his services may have been in India, has not been laboring in the interests of the General Council Church. He has established the Oriental Seminary, independently of our Church, has promulgated heretical teaching concerning the Trinity, and his name has been dropped from the roll by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

His complaint is the same as that made by other returning missionaries to the Board and to the General Council. With reference to these cases the Board reported, and the General Council approved of their report, at Norristown. The following is the action:

"In accordance with the instructions of the last meeting of the General Council, the Board has considered the claims of the former missionaries, Revs. Muller, Holler and Matthews, and have found no rule requiring the former Board to pay one-half salary for six months to a missionary who resigns. The Board in past years has exercised the right of aiding a missionary in destitute circumstances, resigning for causes which it has approved, until able to make provision for his support; but each individual case is decided by itself."

PETITIONS.

Last week I received a letter, under date of July 31st, from Rajahmundry, containing a petition of forty-four members of the Bhimavaram district against the conduct of Missionary William, and just before leaving my home for the General Council received several other letters from India, in which the situation is represented as serious.

I had a duplicate copy of the petition made and sent to the Foreign Mission Board, and the papers in the case are herewith submitted. The matter should receive the un-

biased attention of the committee into whose hands it may fall, and a thorough effort should be made to arrange affairs in such way that unanimity will prevail and confidence be restored.

A petition from the Augustana Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society has just come in, and requests that the government of the medical and hospital work be turned over to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, which is supporting it. The petition is submitted herewith.

A LEGACY.

On July 14th, Rev. M. L. Zweizig, of Leechburg, Pa., drew my attention to a bequest to the Trustees of the General Council for use in Foreign Mission work made by John Keck, Clarion county, whose will was probated in 1889, and for which there are thought to be funds available, although no account has ever been made to the court by the executor. The President of the Board of Foreign Missions referred the matter to Phillip Zieber, Esq., and I communicated this fact to E. Augustus Miller, Esq., Secretary of the Trustees of the General Council, asking him to call a meeting of the Trustees of the General Council to take proper action relative to the matter.

On July 20th, Mr. Miller replied that a meeting of the Trustees would be held and requested me to forward the copy of the Will and the letter of Rev. Mr. Zweizig to him, which I did.

CONCLUSION.

Brethren, we know the dark side of the Church, and there is not one of us here, who will not confess that our best strivings, to the Lord, are frailty, and our highest endeavor folly. Our heart is in the poor, blinded, defiled Church of God on earth. It is still torn asunder as it was in Apostolic time. It is still stupid with worldly sleep as it was in mediæval age. It is still hated as it was in Reformation days. It is still lax and latitudinarian, now, as in the eighteenth, and world-stained and earth-worn as in the nineteenth century.

We stand in this Convention with the experience of the ages before our eyes, and with the responsibilities of the future upon our shoulder. Holding the staff of God's precious Word in our hand, and cherishing His mighty Spirit in our heart, can we do no better than our fathers? Can we climb no higher upon the hill of Zion, look by no stronger faith upon that glorious land, and by no surer hope fill our eye with its eternal coloring?

After four centuries of living activity for justification by faith and for the supreme power of the Word alone; and after two and more centuries of Lutheranism in this land of North America, have we done the best we can do, as the redeemed children and the regenerate Church of the living God?

Shall Satan be blackening the splendors of that communion of saints in which our spirits abide with Jesus, and which is more verily our home than our earthly homes will ever be? Shall the bride of Christ be hid by the murky smoke of earthly strife?

Shall the members of her train sit at ease in the world's dust, as though she belonged there, and shall her banners not be borne to the hilltops?

Shall sin cloud our eyes as it did our fathers; and dull our sight, and eat out our kinship with God, and exile us as a Church from the heavenly communion, and bring to nought our labors, and once again make the cross of Christ of none effect, and drive us out from the joy of Zion, and banish us from the Paradise looked to by our fathers, but guarded with flaming swords at every gate, through which we may not pass?

Shall we indeed take things as they are, and sit down and bow our heads, and cry: "It is enough: we are not better than our fathers"?

Is it for this that we have in our midst the Risen Christ? Is it for this that He said, Lo, I am with you even unto the end of the world? Is it for this, that He shows us His pierced hands and side, and tells us: Be not faithless, but believing? Is it for this that He declares, Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed? Is it for this that He announces, Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted, and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained? Is it for this that He has given us His own body and His own blood? Is it for this that He has commanded us, Go ye out into all the world and make disciples of all nations?

No, we are lifted beyond the despair of the days of old. By faith we will obtain for the Cross of Christ, for our Protestant Confession, for our General Council, a good report.

By faith we will offer a more excellent sacrifice than Cain. By faith we will go out like Abraham to a country where is our inheritance, not knowing whither we are led. By faith we will sojourn in the land of promise and look for a city which hath foundations. By faith we will refuse to be called the sons of Pharaoh and choose to suffer affliction with the people of God.

By faith we will run the race that is set before us, and will look up unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross and despised the shame, and is set down at the right hand of God.

Now the God of peace make us perfect in this good work, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

THEODORE E. SCHMAUK.

On motion the report was received and referred to the following committees:

Committees on the President's Report.

I. On Doctrine and Life—The Revs. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., S. P. A. Lindahl, D.D., J. Nicum, D.D., G. W. Mechling, D.D., and C. Theo. Benze, and Messrs. C. A. Schnepel and C. B. Opp.

II. On Internal Administration—The Revs. O. E. Pflueger, M. C. Ranseen, D.D., A. D. Crile, Hon. C. R. Lantz and Messrs. J. F. Dinkey and W. W. Wattles.

III. On Protests, etc.—The Revs. W. D. C. Keiter, W. F. Bacher, H. H. Bruning, D.D., F. P. Mayser, D.D., G. Gebert, G. W. Mechling, D.D., J. A. Krantz, Ph.D., G. Nelsenius, D.D., Messrs. Chas. A. FonDersmith, G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq., and W. H. Hager.

IV. To Nominate an Editor for the Lutheran—The Revs. S. E. Ochsenford, D.D., A. F. Siebert, D.D., S. A. Ziegenfuss, D.D., F. A. Kaehler, D.D., E. Pihlblad, Ph.D., and Messrs, F. Henrich, H. K. Bartholomew, C. B. Opp, F. O. Ritter, M.D.

V. On Losses by Death and to Nominate for Certain Vacancies Created Thereby—The Revs. S. A. Ziegenfuss, D.D., Prof. C. E. Lindberg, D.D., W. J. Miller, D.D., L. Lindenstruth, D.D., E. C. J. Kraehling, W. A. Beates and J. H. Waidelich, D. D. Fritch, M.D., G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq., and Messrs. C. B. Opp and N. Light.

The Report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

I. Unfinished Business of 1905.

1.—CHURCH BOOK.

Pp. 168, 172. Publication of the standard "Common Service."
Pp. 168, 172. "Mann-Krotel Catechism."
P. 175. Mission Book.
P. 175. Harmonized rubrics.

2.—ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS.

P. 139. Special room in Publication House.
Pp. 218, 226. Unification referred to the Synods.

3.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

P. 126. Synodical delegates to spur up their synods.
P. 127. Order of Service for Bicentenary.
P. 139. Special room in Publication House.
P. 253. Charter to be secured.

4.—INNER MISSIONS.

P. 163. Synods' attention called to Inner Mission Theses.

5.—PUBLICATION BOARD.

P. 168. "Mann-Krotel Catechism."
P. 169. Sunday-school instruction in the Service.
P. 175. Mission Book.
P. 255. Copyrights to be transferred by Trustees to Board.

6.—SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

P. 162. Constitution for Graded Sunday-schools.
P. 169. Sunday-school instruction in the Service.

7.—MISCELLANEOUS.

P. 164. Uniform Statistics (Committee on Practical Cooperation).
P. 164. Fortieth Anniversary.
P. 229. General Conference in Europe.
P. 249. Apportionment for expenses.
P. 254. Synodical Secretaries to furnish file of synodical minutes.
P. 257. "The General Council Book," or Digest.
P. 258. Location of a General Board in Chicago.

II. Hours of Meeting.

9.00 a. m. and 2.00 p. m.

III. Official Reporters.

Revs. G. W. Sandt, D.D., D. M. Kemerer, and W. L. Hunton, Ph.D.

IV. Order of Business.

Thursday Afternoon.

Completion of Synodical delegations and framing of credentials for presentation to the President (see By-Laws 1-3), 1:30, in the side rooms of the church.

2:00 p. m. Opening of the General Council with the Order in the Church Book. Presentation of Credentials.

Roll Call.

Application of New Synods.

Committees to examine application of new Synods.

President's Report.
Appointment of Committees on President's Report.
Report of Executive Committee.
Disposal of Report.
Reception of New Synods.
Election of Officers.
Reception of Reports from the Synods or any other Documents intended for the General Council.
Giving Delegates from Synods the Privilege of Debate.
Giving Notice of Important Business to be brought before the General Council for its action.
Appointment of Committees on Documents and Papers Presented.
Report of Treasurer.
Report of Committee on Fortieth Anniversary.
Report of Board of English Home Missions, and of Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society.

Friday Morning.

9:10 a. m. Report of Board of Foreign Missions.
11:00 a. m. Discussion of Theses, "The Holy Scriptures the Rule of Faith."

Friday Afternoon.

Report of Board of Porto Rico Missions.
Report of Board of German Home Missions.
Report of Board of Swedish Home Missions.
Report of Board of Slovak Missions.

Saturday Morning.

9:10 a. m. Discussion of Theses: "The Doctrinal Basis of the General Council."
10:30 a. m. Unification of English Home Mission Work.
11:30 a. m. Report of Committee on President's Report.

Monday Morning.

9:10 a. m. Report of Board of Publication.
Report of Committee of Sunday-school Work.
Report of Church Book Committee.
Report of Board of Immigrant Missions.
Statement of Rev. Thun on Deutsche Seemannsfürsorge im Hafen von New York.

Monday Afternoon.

Report of Trustees of General Council.
Report of Inner Mission Committee (including Committee on Deaconess Work, and Committee on Jewish Mission Work).
Report of Committee on Education.
4:00 p. m. Reception of Official Visitors from other bodies.

Tuesday Morning.

Report of Committee on International Conference.
Report of Committee to examine matters in Minutes of the Synod referring to General Council.
Reception of Abstracts of Minutes and discussion of matters referred to the General Council by District Synods.
Committee on Practical Co-operation.
Committee on General Conference. Western General Conference.
Committee on Expenses of Delegates to the General Council.
New Business.

Tuesday Afternoon.

Reports of Special Committees.
Report of Committee on Statistics.
Report of Committee on Lutheran Church Music.
Archivarus.
Report of Committee on Transportation.
Unfinished Business.
New Business.

Tuesday Evening.

Report of Committee to locate a General Board in Chicago.
Report of Committee on Digest, Publishing Constitution, etc.
Reports of Official Visitors to other Bodies.
Appointment of Standing Committees.
Selection of place for next meeting.
Determination of number of copies of Minutes to be printed.

The Committee on the Reception of New Synods announced that no documents or applications had been filed with them, and was discharged.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The President appointed the following as tellers: For President, Revs. O. P. Smith, D.D., W. A. Beates, A. Norrbom, Hon. C. R. Lantz and Mr. J. H. Boschen: for the other officers, Revs. I. C. Hoffman, O. P. Smith, D.D., J. H. Waidelich, F. C. Oberly, W. H. Rehrig, Ph.D., and Messrs. John Swanson, A. W. Geiger and J. W. Bertram.

The election was not completed until Friday morning, only the President having been chosen before adjournment. The following are the Officers for 1907-9:

President.

Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., Lebanon, Pa.

Recording Secretaries.

English, Rev. William K. Frick, D.D., Milwaukee, Wis.
German, Rev. Gottlieb C. Berkemeier, D.D., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
Swedish, Rev. Lawrence A. Johnston, D.D., Moline, Ill.

Corresponding Secretaries.

English, Rev. Frederick A. Kaehler, D.D., Buffalo, N. Y.
German, Rev. John Nicum, D.D., Rochester, N. Y.
Swedish, Rev. Alfred Appell, Peoria, Rockford, Ill.

Treasurer.

Hon. William H. Staake, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Presidents of the several Synods, excepting that from which the President is chosen, are ex-officio the Vice-Presidents of the General Council.

Pending the announcement of the result of the election, the regular order of business was taken up.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER SYNODS.

The presence of the Rev. Carl Proehl, of Mendota, Ill., the representative of the German Iowa Synod, having been announced, it was, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Berkemeier,

Resolved, That the Rev. Carl Proehl, the delegate of the German Iowa Synod, have the right to take part in all the deliberations of this body under the provision of the Constitution (Art. 1, Sec. 2) touching Synods which adopt the Fundamental Principles of Faith and Church Polity.

The presence of the Rev. Luther A. Fox, D.D., Official Visitor from the United Synod of the South, having been announced, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Horn,

Resolved, That the Representative of the United Synod of the South, which has accepted the doctrinal position of the General Council, be granted the same privilege.

Several delegates gave notice of important business which they purposed to bring before the Convention.

The President appointed the following Committee on Documents and Papers Presented to the General Council: the Revs.

H. E. Jacobs, D.D., G. F. Spieker, D.D., E. Belfour, D.D., E. Brennecke, Ph.D., Prof. C. L. Esbjorn and Prof. C. A. Marks. To this committee was referred a communication from the Canada Synod.

Hon. William H. Staake, Treasurer, read his report, which was received and referred to an auditing committee, consisting of Messrs. Jas. M. Snyder and C. L. Eckman, on whose report at the Second Session, the Treasurer's report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND.

William H. Staake, Treasurer, in account with the General Expense Fund of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

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	Balance from last audit			$ 38 03
1906.				
May 25.	To cash, Pacific Synod			10 00
June 2.	To cash, Pacific Synod			8 00
June 14.	To cash, Middle Village, N. Y., Holy Trinity Cong.			3 00
June 21.	To cash, Nova Scotia Synod			10 00
June 23.	To cash, Chicago Synod			60 00
Aug. 2.	To cash, Ev. Luth. Min. N. Y. and A. S. & Co.			5 00
Sept. 20.	To cash, Bequest under will of Mary Grange, Lancaster, Pa., dated Oct. 3, 1901, of one-third residue to Trustees Gen. Council in the sum of	$1,215 49		
	To cash to same for German Home Missions of Gen. Council	1,215 49		
				2,430 98
Oct. 2.	To cash, Canada Synod, proportionate share			35 00
1907.				
Jan. —.	To cash, St. Paul's Ev. Eng. Luth. Ch., Detroit, Mich.			13 20
Feb. 4.	To cash, Augustana Synod			575 00
Feb. 6.	To cash, Eng. Ev. Lutheran Synod of the Northwest			40 00
Feb. 9.	Ev. Luth. Synod of N. Y. and N. E.			100 00
Feb. 23.	To cash, Ev. Luth. Min. State of N. Y. and A. S. & C. Apportionment $175 less payments of May 31, 1905, $5.47; June 8, 1906, $3.00; August 1, 1966, $5.00			161 53
Apr. 2.	To cash, Ev. Luth. Min. of Pennsylvania			600 00
				$4,089 74

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1905.		
Oct. 20.	By cash, Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, D.D., expenses for Biennium for General Council	$ 10 52
Nov. 13.	By cash, Rev. W. L. Hunton, Chairman Transportation Committee for printing circulars $3 65	
	Postage 4 00	
		7 65
Nov. 13.	By cash, The Journal, 200 Theses	2 00
Nov. 13.	By cash, Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., services of Janitor at Milwaukee Convention	10 00
1906.		
Feb. 13.	By cash, Rev. H. A. W. Yung, traveling expenses as delegate of Pacific Synod	40 00
Feb. 13.	By cash, Report Publishing Company, Lebanon, Pa., printing 225 Theses	1 50
May 31.	By cash, Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., incidental expenses	15 00
Sept. 21.	By cash, P. S. Zieber, Treas. For. Miss. Board, bequest in Mary Grange Estate (see Dr.)	1,215 49
	Rev. Aug. Fischer, Treasurer German Home Mission Board, bequest in Mary Grange Estate	1,215 49
Oct. 2.	By cash, Acct. Release in Grange Estate	1 00
1907.		
Mar. 16.	By cash, Wartburg Printing House, Printing Ger. Min.	677 08
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WILLIAM H. STAAKE, *Treasurer.*

We have examined the report and vouchers of the Treasurer, and find the same correct.

Sept. 13, 1907.

JAMES M. SNYDER,
CHAS. L. ECKMAN,
Auditing Committee.

The Rev. Dr. Sandt presented and the Council adopted the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The passing away of nearly all the Fathers who took prominent part in the founding of the General Council made it impossible for your committee to place on the program for the celebration of its fortieth anniversary the names of such worthies as it would have been an inestimable privilege to listen to on this Jubilee occasion. These fathers have gone to their reward, and the number of those who were eye-witnesses of the stirring events of 1866 and 1867 has reached very small proportions. The task of recalling what transpired forty years ago could be assigned to but few survivors of those delegations that met in Trinity Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1867, and others that have come after had to be called upon to fill the places of the Fathers.

Because of its widely-scattered membership, your committee found it impracticable to meet in order to arrange with due deliberation for this celebration, hence little more could be done by its chairman than to submit a list of subjects and speakers to the various members for criticism or approval. Following is the program:

THURSDAY EVENING.

8:00 P. M. *Retrospect.*

1. The Vesper Service.
2. The Early Conventions of the General Council and the Fathers. 25 minutes. Rev. S. Laird, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.
3. Hymn.
4. How Catholic Lutheranism Came to its Own. 25 minutes. Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., Lebanon, Pa.
5. Hymn.
6. The Hand of Providence in the Formation of the General Council. 25 minutes. Rev. G. W. Mechling, D.D., Lancaster, Ohio.
7. Hymn.
8. *The Four Decades of General Council History.*
   First Decade. 5 minutes. Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., Milwaukee, Wis.
   Second Decade, 5 minutes, Rev. D. M. Kemerer, Pittsburgh, Pa.
   Third Decade. 5 minutes. Rev. A. L. Yount, D.D., Greensburg, Pa.
   Fourth Decade. 5 minutes. Rev. W. F. Bacher, Kingston, N. Y.
9. The Closing Service.

FRIDAY EVENING.

8:00 P. M. *Prospect.*

1. The General Council in Works of Missions and Mercy. 25 minutes. Rev. H. W. Roth, D.D., Pittsburgh, Pa.
2. Hymn.
3. The General Council and Lutheran Doctrine. 25 minutes. Rev. A. Spaeth, D.D., LL.D., Philadelphia, Pa.
4. Hymn.
5. How the General Council tends to correct Religious, Educational, Ecclesiastical and Social Weaknesses of our day.
   Rev. G. C. F. Haas, D.D., New York city, 8 minutes.
   Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., Allentown, 8 minutes.
   Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., Philadelphia, Pa. 8 minutes.
6. Statistical Resume of the Four Decades. Rev. J. Nicum, D.D., Rochester, N. Y.
7. Results and Outlook.
   Rev. L. A. Johnston, D.D., Moline, Ill. 8 minutes.
   Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D., Mt. Vernon, N. Y. 5 minutes.
   Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, Bethlehem, Pa. 5 minutes.
   Rev. W. J. Miller, D.D., Greensburg, Pa. 8 minutes.

The importance of this occasion in the way of reviving an appreciation of the principles and events which brought the General Council into being will no doubt be made abundantly evident during this celebration, and the committee can only express the hope that such a review of the General Council's early history —its struggles, trials and victories, as well as its later achievements, and the setting forth of what is involved in the fulfilment of its mission in the future, will do much toward welding together into stronger fellowship and holier purpose the various constituent elements of this Body.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. W. Sandt,
J. O. Schlenker,
W. D. C. Keiter,
Wm. J. Miller,
F. W. Oswald,
Joseph Stump,
D. M. Kemerer,
S. E. Ochsenford,
F. P. S. Miller,
Chas. B. Opp.

The tellers announced the election of Dr. Schmauk as President.

The Rev. Dr. Kunzman began the reading of the English Home Mission Report, pending which the Council adjourned, with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Edward T. Horn, of Reading, Pa.

SECOND SESSION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 9 A. M.

The Matin Service was conducted by the Rev. Hiram Peters, D.D., of Frankfort, Ind.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The Minutes of the First Session were read, corrected and adopted.

The tellers reported the election of the various secretaries and the treasurer. (See First Session.)

ACTION ON ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS.

The reading of the English Home Mission report was concluded. The first three concluding recommendations with incorporated amendments (see Third Session) were adopted, and the further consideration of the report was discontinued in order that the special order might be taken up.

The Rev. C. Theodore Benze, of Erie, Pa., then entered upon the explanation of the Theses prepared by him.

THESES ON THE HOLY SCRIPTURES THE RULE OF FAITH AND LIFE.

I.

THE INSPIRED WORD.

"Every Scripture inspired of God."

1. The question concerning the authority of the Word of God is chief among the questions of modern theology. On the one hand we meet with attacks upon the Old Lutheran doctrine from the standpoint of the negative criticism, from those who reject any view that derives the Bible from any extraordinary and divine causation, from those who view the Scriptures as they do any other literary production and consider it as a mere historical document, and on the other hand we meet with the active defence of the doctrines of Quensted and Calovius, and between these extremes theories of various intermediary shades and tints.

2. The true spirit of the Old Lutheran view is to be found in the conviction that the authority of the Scriptures depends upon this one fact that it is God's Word though in human form, and that it presents the believer with objective certainty.

3. Hence Gerhard says: Because the Holy Scriptures have God for their author, by whose immediate inspiration the prophets, evangelists and apostles wrote, therefore and from that fact, they have divine authority.

4. If this be not admitted, we must find the Word of God either in the infallible teaching of the Church, or in man's inner consciousness; either in Romanism or in some form of enthusiasm.

5. Hence the Lutheran Church, in opposition to Rome and the sects, has from the outset insisted that the Bible is the inerrant Word of God, because of its divine inspiration.

6. Our Confessions presuppose inspiration. They formulate no theory; but they maintain most emphatically that the prophetic and apostolic books of the Old and New Testaments are "the only rule and standard by which all doctrines and teachers shall be judged."

7. From Luther to Gerhard inclusive, the fact of inspiration was assumed, but not developed into a fixed theory. Quensted, Calovius, Hollazius in their battles with Romanists and Syncretists developed the mechanical theory of inspiration. Calixtus and some other supernaturalistic defenders maintained only a partial, suggestive or directive inspiration, Arianizing theorizers of various shades look upon inspiration as a mere illumination ranging from that of the ordinary writer to that of the gifted seer and differing from that of any believer only in degree. In modern times Philippi has developed the theory of a dynamic inspiration, in which he holds to the essential characteristics of the earlier view.

8. Three points characterize the strictly Lutheran view that God is the prime author of the Holy Scriptures: (a) The divine impulse for writing. (b) The divine suggestion of facts. (c) The divine suggestion of words.

9. As to the divine impulse, we read that Scripture was inspired of God (2 Tim. 3:16), that men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Ghost (2 Peter 1:21). Also, the New Testament introduces quotations from the Old (regardless of its divisions, though on this point compare Luke 24:44) with statements such as, "spoken by the Lord" (Matth. 1:22; 2:15; Rom. 1, 2; Acts 4:25; 13:34), "the Holy Ghost spake" (Acts 1:16; 28:25; Heb. 3:7; 9:8; 10:15). Again we meet statements of our Lord such as Matt. 5:18; John 5:39; John 10:35. Concerning the New Testament we must consider the Lord's words in Luke 10:16 (cf. Matth. 10:40), John 13:20; Matth. 10:20; John 14:26; 16:13. The apostles felt confident that they spoke the Word of God (1 Cor. 2:7, 10, 13; Gal. 1:12, 16; 2 Cor. 5:20). (As to the identity of the oral and written teaching, cf. 1 Thess. 5:27; 2 Thess. 2:15; 2 Peter 3:15-16; 1 John 1:3-5).

10. That it was God's will that a canon should exist, our dogmaticians proved from Ex. 34:27; Deut. 31:19; Is. 8:1; Jer. 36:2. The suggestion of the facts to be recorded is a natural conclusion from the passages re-

ferred to. A certain suggestion of words must be assumed from the manner in which e. g. Paul builds up an argument upon a single word as in Gal. 3:16, and from the argument in 1 Cor. 2:13.

11. To the Bible's own testimony concerning its divine inspiration we must add the effect of the Word upon the human heart. The "Word of God is living and active" (Heb. 4:12). It regenerates man by causing him to believe and its effect as of the regenerative power of the Holy Ghost is experienced by the believer. He knows it to be the Word of God, not by external human testimony, but by the internal testimony of the Holy Ghost.

12. Just as Christ is the personal Word of God, just so the Bible is God's material Word. Just as in Christ there are two natures, the divine and the human, just so in the inspired Word. As Christ assumed the form of a servant, so did God's Word (1 Cor. 1 and 2).

13. From this it follows, that the inspiration can not be only a mechanical one, reducing the operation to a mere dictation of the matter and the holy writers to mere "clerks, secretaries and stenographers of the Holy Spirit," nor can it be a mere literary exaltation, or an activity of the Holy Spirit which merely suggests or informs in parts and in other parts only assists, nor can it be possible to distinguish between things inspired and things uninspired.

14. The spiritual life of the holy writers is dynamically interpenetrated by the Holy Spirit. He controls them so completely that by His impulse and power He compels them to record what is His will to have recorded and in such manner, that the corresponding expression occurs to them spontaneously. As thought and speech can not be separated, the correct and exact expression of the thought will call for the proper word in which to clothe it.

15. Thus the causality of the Holy Spirit does not exclude the activity of the human writer; but at best the latter is only secondary. God respects the individuality of the personality which He has created, but instead of leaving it to its natural course, He directs it to His divine ends.

16. Hence the style of every sacred writer is his own. Thus Luke may prepare himself for his task by investigation, or later prophets may study preceding ones. God does not change a matter-of-fact man into a poet; but He converts a David into a holy singer. Thus also the personal directions found in the epistles are no more unworthy of the Holy Spirit, than the human affections of Christ are unworthy of His divine nature. The Holy Scriptures give us a many-sided view of the human life into which God projects the revelation of Himself and of His salvation for humanity.

II.

CRITICISM.

"The Scripture can not be broken."

1. The Shibboleth of modern attacks upon the authority of the Bible is the phrase, "Tbe Bible contains the Word of God." This word, once formulated by the theologians of the Church to distinguish between the

revelation of God and the form in which it has been mediated, is now made to stand for the view that it is possible to distinguish in the Scriptures between what is inspired and what is uninspired.

2. The Lutheran Church has ever maintained the doctrine of the integrity of the Bible. Holding to the fact that the divine Providence gave the inspired Word, she maintains that the same also preserved it incorrupt.

3. She defines the doctrine of integrity as "that quality of the book by which the work of the author has come down to us complete and incorrupt." It is either (a) total or material (by which no canonical book can have been lost), or (b) partial or formal (by which is meant that no passage is so corrupt that it can not be restored by criticism).

4. Thus the Church recognizes a valid and legitimate criticism. It acknowledges that we are not in possession of the original documents, that in the course of time errors of reproduction, by interpolation, correction and omission have brought about many different readings (50,000 in the New Testament alone). To sift out these errors has been the work of criticism. To the critical labors of a Bengel, Griesbach, Lachmann, Tischendorf, Westcott, Hort, Nestle and others, we owe a text of the New Testament which is critically correct. The case of the Old Testament stands different, and our sources of knowledge are fewer, but the careful copying of the synagogue, the labors of the Masora and of countless other scholars, with other facts, assure us that the reckless emendations of modern scholarship are unnecessary and unworthy and that we may by faith, if not by sight, praise God for the preservation of the essential integrity of His Word.

5. There is a criticism proceeding from Rationalism (which concedes to God an activity only within the natural order) or from Pantheism (which acknowledges no personal God), which is opposed to the Scriptures and the faith of the Church, and reduces inspiration to virtually nothing. And there is an even more dangerous criticism proceeding from a natural faith in Providence and in the evolutionary, unfolding, progressive revelation by God of His will and Fatherhood in the history of mankind, and by the prophets, and the Christ and the apostles, but which rejects such supernatural elements as are evangelical.

6. As to the origin of the Holy Scriptures, this criticism which we call negative or destructive, proceeds as with any profane book. It demands that the Biblical authors be put upon the same plane as all others, that the Bible be considered as uninspired, and as a mere historical source or record, and to be examined by the same methods as any other book. To this method the criticism prevalent in our land adds a faith in God, and in His natural revelation, by regular progressive development of history and men, of the higher spiritual truths, of which (as they hold) Christianity is composed.

7. As to the purpose of the Holy Scriptures this criticism demands that they submit to all the requirements of "exact science" as it under-

stands the term, and accuses the sacred writings of falsehood and error wherever they do not so conform.

8. These critical methods defeated, as to the New Testament, are at present applied with vigor and animosity to the books of the Old Testament with many renewed attacks upon the New. The Wellhausens, Stades, Kuenens, Drivers, Kents, McFaydens, have plucken the Old Testament to pieces and in their "reconstructions" have produced a narrative so different from the record hitherto accepted by the Church as to deny and falsify it.

9. This destructive criticism which is everywhere in evidence and insidiously creeping in at every hand in books and ephemeral literature, the Church emphatically repudiates because of the false premises from which it starts and of the subversive conclusions to which it leads.

III.

THE RULE OF FAITH.

"It is written."

1. Our Lutheran Church believes, confesses, and teaches that the prophetic and apostolic writings of the Old and New Testaments are the only rule and standard according to which all doctrines and all teachers are to be judged and proved (F. C. I.,) and the most clear and pure fount of Israel (F. C. II.).

2. Therefore all doctrine must not only be drawn from the Holy Scriptures, but must agree with it in every particular. The authority of any doctrine depends upon its being a truth given by divine revelation.

3. For faith it is not sufficient merely to possess the Word of God, but to possess it with the certainty that it *is* the Word of God (Dieckmann).

4. The Roman Catholic may content himself with the churchliness of a doctrine, a subjectivistic believer with its religious and ethical significance, a philosopher with its logicalness, but the evangelical Christian must be convinced that it is Scriptural. He holds (Gal. 1:8; Art. Smalc. Part II, § II, 15) that only the Word of God founds articles of faith and no one else, not even an angel.

5. In the New Testament we find frequent use made of the Old Testament, by our Lord Himself and the Apostles, to prove their assertions. This practice was followed by the early Fathers, to whom the Bible soon became the "canon," the "rule of faith." In later times appeal was made to the authority of the Fathers and the Councils and of the Church. It was the Lutheran Reformation that brought out and insisted upon the appeal to the Scriptures.

6. The confessional writings of the Church emphasize throughout that all doctrines are to be founded upon and drawn from the Scriptures alone and in this appeal insisted upon the literal sense of the Word in opposition to all fanciful interpretations.

7. In accordance with this principle the first "Loci" and "Systemata" make full use of the Bible, not only as a standard to be subsequently applied, but as a source from which to draw. (Cf. Melanchthon's Loci, the works of Chemnitz and Gerhard.)

8. Proceeding upon the principle that in all matters pertaining unto salvation the Holy Scriptures are clear, perspicuous and self-explanatory, they assume that all doctrines are proven by salient passages either expressly or by intention, so clearly and unmistakably, that they can be appropriated by faith. These are the so-called "sedes doctrinae."

9. They proceed from these salient passages and from them they apprehend the Scriptures and by them they prove the whole. Thus Lutheran doctrine stands in the centre of the Scriptures and discloses the whole according to the analogy of faith. To it, doctrine is not a conglomeration of separate passages, but the whole spirit and teaching of the Bible.

10. It is the glory of Lutheran doctrine that it is based upon the whole Scriptures and accepts nothing unless it be in harmony with the general truth proclaimed by the Bible.

11. Therefore all preaching in the Lutheran Church must be a development, not of individual texts, but an exposition of passages as a whole. No truth is to be presented in isolation but in its bearing upon and relation to the whole plan of salvation.

IV.

THE RULE AND SOURCE OF LIFE.

"A lamp unto my feet."

1. Just as the Holy Scriptures are the rule and source of faith, they are the rule and source of life and conduct. To the believer all ethical truth is Scriptural and he regulates his conduct by the constant appeal to what "is written." Thus he lives in the Word.

2. It was a mark of the early adherents of the Reformation that they referred all their actions to the test of God's Word, Lutheran and Calvinist alike seeing in it the light upon their pathway.

3. This regular guidance by the light from the Word of God is in too many instances becoming obsolete. Just as the appeal to the Bible in matters of faith must be insisted upon, just so the directing power of God's Word as it expresses His will and purpose to the believer must regain its influence over the lives of men.

4. The questions agitating the minds of men today, the various social problems, the intricacies of modern life, integrity in public and private affairs would all find a readier and safer solution, if men made the Word their controlling force.

5. The Law and the Gospel are the forces that are necessary to move the mass of humanity in the right direction. Both must be constantly applied and thus the word of truth rightly divided. The fullness of the perfect life can be learned only from the Word of God.

6. As the perfect man is revealed in Christ Jesus, so from Him comes the life-giving power to attain unto that perfection. He is the way and the truth and the life. All humanitarian and charitable efforts, all political and socialistic means will fail to uplift humanity, if He be left out; and social effort, and the Inner Mission itself are of no effect save where they apply the Word of the living Christ.

7. Preaching in its ethical tendencies must point to Him and draw its power from His living Word. Unto this end God revealed Himself to man, that by manifesting His love He might restore man to the blessedness of His kingdom.

The consideration of the Theses was unfinished at the close of the session.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Horn,

Resolved, That a member of the Foreign Mission Board be permitted to be present during the investigation by the Committee on Protests of certain protests concerning the Foreign Mission work.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer, led by the Rev. Dr. Siebert, of Germantown, Ohio.

THIRD SESSION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2.15 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, of Bethlehem, Pa.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Home Mission Report be now taken up and that the further discussion of the Theses be deferred until after the completion of the Foreign Mission Report.

REPORT OF THE ENGLISH HOME MISSION BOARD.

Sept. 1st, 1905, to Sept. 1st, 1907.

We had scarcely expected to be able to maintain the pace of the former biennium, and yet, when we sum up the work, we are surprised that it has been surpassed. These results have been achieved by the faithful and intelligent zeal of the Local and Field Missionaries. Not every blossom has borne fruit, and two of the missions have been discontinued, one permanently and the other temporarily, but the harvest is larger than expected; and the

returns more than justify the expenditure. A few of the missionaries have found their fields too difficult and have retired. The large majority of the laborers have made full proof of their ministry.

Death has again invaded our ranks and removed from active participation three most efficient servants of the Board, and eminent members of the Church: the Rev. Drs. Stephen A. Repass and Franklin J. F. Schantz and Mr. William Hengerer. The influence of their holy lives, faithful service and Christian fellowship remains as a precious heirloom to the Board and to the Church. Rev. J. Fry, D.D., and Rev. M. C. Horine, D.D., were elected and have served on the Board as the successors of the clerical members, but we have not been able to find any to fill the place of the lay member.

We began the biennium with thirty-two missions and have added seventeen, a total of forty-nine missions, as over against forty-four in the last biennium. During the former biennium, twelve missions became self-sustaining, but we had not succeeded in establishing outright a single self-sustaining parish. During the present biennium, St. Mark's and the Lettish mission, Boston; Grace, Newark; St. Luke's, Chicago; Grace, Kenosha; St. John's, Anderson; Trinity, Seattle; St. Mark's, Minneapolis, and St. Paul's, Detroit, were transferred to the self-sustaining list, and at Buckley, Ill.; Woodstock, Ill.; Waterloo, Wis.; Toronto, Canada; Albert Lea, Minn.; Galt and Brantford, Canada, self-sustaining parishes have been established, a total of fifteen. This leaves us to begin the new biennium with thirty-one missions out of forty-nine, as over against thirty-two out of forty-four in the past biennium. It is surely no small labor to establish fifteen self-sustaining parishes in two years and carry thirty-one over toward the same happy goal with the means which are placed at our disposal.

OCCUPYING NEW TERRITORY.

Each biennium extends the work to some new portion of our fruitful field. While we are not developing our resources as fast as the commercial world, we are making some progress, and in the meantime calling the Church's attention to her opportunities and arousing increasing interest. The District of Columbia

has been occupied by the establishment of the Church of the Atonement in Washington; the Province of Ontario in Canada, by bringing into existence two self-sustaining parishes, the one in Toronto and the other in Galt and Brantford; and the State of Montana, by the organization of a mission at Livingston, the gateway to the Yellowstone Park. But by these acts we have not only enlarged our opportunities, but also increased our responsibilities. The District of Columbia, the Province of Ontario, and the State of Montana open up to us important fields and point to a contiguous territory which we must also occupy. But while the work accomplished enlarges our labor, it also raises up helpers.

When Rev. I. O. Baker obeyed the call of the Board and took charge of the mission in Washington, the Capital of the nation, Mr. John F. Firch, a former parishioner, saw one of his dreams in realization. The Lord had prospered him in the West. He had long felt that the Lutheran Church ought to exert herself in that city and he has agreed to place within two years from the date of the dedication of the chapel, the income of $50,000 in stock at the disposition of our Board to strengthen that mission, to establish additional missions in Washington and in the District of Columbia, and to use for this purpose the entire income as long and as often as it may be required. It is understood that, while the territory named shall have the preference, the Board may use the income elsewhere, if at any time it connot be judiciously expended for missions in the territory named. This is an example worthy of imitation, especially as the most difficult, as well as the most promising, mission work lies in our large cities.

THE WORK.

Besides attending to the increasing correspondence, the sending out of appeals, the arrangements for the Reformation offering for Home Missions and the Lenten offering for Church Extension, the editing of the "Home Missionary" and presenting the cause to congregations, conventions, conferences and synods, the Superintendent has been discussing the mission question with the pastors in special meetings, and has made a personal visitation of all the missions. At such centers as New York, Rochester, Reading, Bethlehem, Lancaster, Norristown, Quakertown, Sun-

bury, Pittsburgh, etc., the resident and neighboring pastors were gathered together for conference on the present state and needs of our Home Mission operations. We are confident that the giving of general and detailed information, much of which could only be furnished in such semi-private conferences, has done much to arouse an increased interest.

Two Mission Conferences with the Field Missionaries have been held. At the last meeting, Rev. F. S. Beistel, the newly elected Western Representative of the Church Extension Society was also present. At these meetings the occupied and unoccupied territory, the work done and to be done, mistakes and their corrections, the present plans, methods of operation and how to improve them, the needs of our present missions and how to advance them to the point of self-sustentation in the shortest possible period, the need of men and of a larger Church Extension Fund and how to secure them, the literature needed at the establishment of missions and at the different stages of progress, how and when to organize a mission, and how to retain our Lutheran people at places to which we cannot as yet send a local missionary, and many other points were discussed. Your missionary force has set out to study the conditions as they obtain in North America, and their variations and modifications in different sections. The result of these deliberations, and how to meet our present opportunities, have been presented to your Board, and the result of the Board's consideration of the matter will be herewith submitted to the General Council.

After the close of the meetings of the various District Synods in 1906, and after having visited the missions in the East, the Superintendent began his second mission tour to the Pacific coast. The first had taken place in the fall of 1899. Between these two visits, Rev. A. C. Anda had been sent to inspect the work, as he has again during this summer been commissioned to go to Winnipeg and Livingston and thence to investigate the neglected territory, especially in Montana. The northern and southern extremities reached were Winnipeg and Salt Lake City. The missions had increased in membership, but the contrast between the magnificence of their surroundings and the wretchedness of their church buildings was painfully evident. The Luth-

eran population increasing on all sides, the cities doubling their inhabitants in incredibly short periods, stately buildings replacing the temporary structures of former days, the denominations about us housed in commanding edifices, and our people at Seattle, Tacoma and Portland with such insignificant buildings and the missions at Bellingham and Everett and elsewhere still compelled to worship in halls. We have declared long ago that if we could swell our Church Extension Fund and give all our missions a comparatively small non-interest bearing loan, they would not only blossom out into strong self-supporting congregations far more rapidly, but would in turn assist largely in establishing others. We have immense numbers to care for in the middle east and the middle west, but the points to which the large populations will drift and press, where wealth and influence will center, and where we must greatly augment our forces, is in the cities on either coast. We do not intend to neglect the inland towns, but, if we would secure the means to care for them, we must give special attention to the cities of the Atlantic and Pacific coast. As our nation leads in manufacture, and has attained the first rank in commerce, the population of the cities of both coasts will reach immense proportions. We have indeed gathered quite a nucleus along the Atlantic and we ought to watch with jealous care the developments on the Pacific.

After the Superintendent's return from the West, he, along with the Field Missionaries, began an itinerary to the principal Lutheran centers to present the cause of the Home Missions during the months of September, October and November, 1906. These meetings, held weekdays and Sundays, at which all the representatives of the general work appeared in person and spoke, awakened considerable interest. It was an encouragement to our modest Lutheran brethren to find that their addresses, according to the statement of intelligent laymen and wide awake ministers, compared favorably with those of the missionaries of other denominations. We are sure that a new interest in our mission work was thus aroused.

We had also arranged an itinerary, to begin with January, 1907, to awaken a greater interest in the behalf of the work of Church Extension. It was our purpose to simply make addresses

and cover a larger territory than we had in the interest of Home Missions. But some of the brethren felt that even to discuss Church Extension during the Epiphany season would interfere with the Foreign Mission offering. While we did not agree with this view of the matter, we had to lose more than a month of valuable time and keep some of the Field Missionaries, to the great detriment of their work, away from their missions during the Lenten season in order to reach the principal Lutheran cities. We endeavor to do the best for the work, but we are thus often hindered and hampered by unfounded fears and local conditions. As in these educational tours, we needed the aid of our Field Missionaries so as not only to reach the city congregations on the Lord's Day, but also the outlying parishes during the week, and as these Field Missionaries have local missions under their care, we must find a way by which we can conduct these educational campaigns and at the same time leave them to the work of their missions during, at least, the major part of the Lenten season. We do not wish to hamper them in their work, nor do we see how the simple presentation of any one work can interfere with gathering the offerings of the other.

For some time, through magazine articles and other information, we were studying the development in the Canadian Northwest and the movements of the Lutheran people who were settling there in large numbers, both from the Old World and the United States. We had not been able to inspect the field personally, nor had we the means to employ anyone for this purpose, though we were anxious that a canvass should be made. At this juncture we learned that Rev. H. J. Croushore, of West Newton, Pa., was ready to pay the expenses of anyone whom we would select to prospect this territory. After further correspondence he agreed to accompany the person chosen. Accordingly, Rev. Croushore and Mr. Frank H. Reiter, of the senior class of the Philadelphia Seminary, started for the Canadian Northwest on the last of June. They stopped at the principal towns along the Canadian Pacific railroad from Toronto to Victoria, and reported the prospects for mission work in the places visited. A full typewritten statement is on file, and the information has been tabulated, entered in a book, and preserved for future use. We feel that the Board

and the General Council owe a debt of gratitude to these two brethren, and more than gratitude to Rev. Croushore for his sacrifice and generosity.

While it is true that, during this last biennium, we have received more money than ever before, yet this increase was largely due to the continued, unwearied solicitations of the Superintendent. Much of his time was consumed to prevent a recurrence of such sufferings among our missionaries as occurred in years gone by. While the General Council apportions various amounts to the District Synods, very few Synods apportion these amounts to the congregations. Nor do any of the Synods make inquiry as to whether these amounts are paid or not. It is also true that where a Synod simply apportions the amount for our general work, the response is prompt. As your Board is charged with the neglected territory of the General Council, which is far larger than that which is cared for, and as we have no Synodical machinery at our command, the Superintendent will be compelled to continue his solicitations for funds. The manner in which these funds are spent and what is accomplished by them will appear in the statistical report. The Church not only has a right but should demand that proper returns be made for the money contributed toward missions or any other purpose.

The Superintendent has also endeavored to secure the names of Lutheran graduates of the secular colleges and universities in order to send an appeal to them, setting forth the need of men for the ministry and the claims of this office upon them. As this has but recently been done, owing to the difficulty in securing information in this new line of work, the results cannot be tabulated.

Statement of Treasurer's Report, Sept. 1, 1905, to Sept. 1, 1907.

Synod	Amts Apport'n'd	Paid	Deficit
Min. of Pennsylvania	$25,000.00	$20,811.17	$4,188.83
Pittsburgh Synod	11,200.00	4,327.50	6,872.50
Synod of N. Y. and New England	3,000.00	2,193.56	806.44
District Synod of Ohio	5,000.00	1,105.09	3,894.91
Chicago Synod	2,400.00	360.05	2,039.95
Pacific Synod	400.00	176.02	223.98
Nova Scotia Synod	200.00	161.12	38.88
Min. of New York	2,000.00	57.27	1,942.73
Synod of Northwest	2,000.00	1,278.79	721.21
Total	$51,200.00	$30,470.57	$20,729.43

Thus it appears that in the $51,200 apportioned to the Synods, there was a deficit of $20,729.43. Brethren often feel that the Superintendent appeals too often, but the truth is that if all our congregations and Synods would put forth proper exertion, there would be no need ot these frequent appeals, nor of suffering among our missionaries, and our income and the resuits of our labors would be larger. During the last biennium we received directly from the Synods $219.16 more than during the present. Had we not received $4715.57 from individuals, $1866.66 from the Church Extension Society, for the services the Superintendent renders to that Society, in addition to the work of Missions, $27.76 interest on deposit and $15 from the Minnesota Conference, we would not only have fallen behind the income of the last biennium, but also have been compelled to abandon a number of hopeful missions. We have borrowed $2400, which is as yet unpaid and which makes up the sum total. After subtracting balances and borrowings, we have a net income of $37,114.79 in this biennium as over against $28,913.69 of the previous.

THE EXTENT AND IMPORTANCE OF THE ENGLISH HOME MISSION TERRITORY.

The enlargement of the English Home Mission field is demonstrated by our increasing missions and its growing fertility by the results achieved. Dr. Carroll has shown by figures that no Church has at once a more fruitful and a more neglected field, or has in the last year proportionately gathered in and left ungathered more souls, properly belonging to it, than the Lutheran. The first of these statements inspires us with hope, and the second demands repentance and renewed devotion.

To the north of the United States lie the British Possessions, larger in area. Lutheran settlements were early made in the eastern portion, and recently our people have been domiciled in large numbers both in the eastern and western sections, from Europe and the United States. The General Council has already two Synods, the Canada and the Manitoba Synods, on this territory. The work at Montreal in the province of Quebec, which has succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectations, at Toronto, Galt and Brantford, in the Province of Ontario, where two self-sustaining parishes have been organized and established in an incredibly short period, demonstrate the fertility of the eastern

field. Halifax in Nova Scotia and many other towns and cities, clamoring for English Lutheran Missions, demand our attention. From the western portion of Ontario to the Pacific coast, in the rapidly growing towns and cities along the transcontinental railroads, in the rural districts, our Lutheran people are locating in numbers of from 20,000 to 30,000 annually. Wonderful developments in agriculture, manufactures and mining have increased the population within the last six years more than in the twenty years previous, and this growth will continue in increasing proportions as the resources of that territory become known. It is therefore of the highest importance that our General Council English Home Mission Board be placed in position to take care of our people who are already there and gain sufficient prestige to gather in those who will surely come.

In the North Atlantic Division of States, including New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, we have another important English Home Mission field. For more than forty years New England has been filling up with Lutheran people and the Augustana Synod alone has sixty-nine congregations within that territory, besides those belonging to the New York Ministerium, the New York and New England Synod, the Missouri Synod and the General Synod. It has been estimated that about one-seventh of this population is Lutheran. Our Germans, Scandinavians, Finns and Letts, with their large families, are supplanting the descendants of the Puritans and rapidly taking their places. While New England is not as ripe as the other states in this division for the English Home Mission work, there ought to be efforts put forth to gather English Lutheran nuclei for future congregations and parishes, and thus save our people to our Church. In New York State, in such cities as Rochester, Buffalo and Greater New York, and other towns which might be mentioned, we have an almost limitless field. When we consider that New York City alone could employ the entire ministerial force of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, giving to each pastor one thousand ungathered Lutheran souls as his parish, we need not wonder that our brethren on that territory have been appealing to your Board to send at least one Field Missionary to that city. Then there is the State of New Jersey in which a beginning has scarcely been made, and that of Pennsylvania which,

though better cared for, is capable of far more intensive and extensive cultivation.

In the South Atlantic Division, the District of Columbia, Delaware and West Virginia, belong to the territory of the General Council. In this the work has barely been begun.

In the North Central Division, with the exception of Kansas and Nebraska, we have in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota a vast and fruitful territory for English Home Mission work. While hopeful work has been done in the most of these States, Iowa and Missiouri have not yet been touched by us. In the States named we have the most promising field in the Middle West, and a large ingathering will be ours if we zealously enter this harvest.

The South Central Division of States with the exception of Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Texas, belongs properly to the United Synod of the South, and in the portions mentioned where the Augustana Synod have been active, we have not been able to plant a single English Mission, although we have received appeals. The Methodist Episcopal missionary force boasts that one conference in Texas is almost entirely made up of Lutheran material.

In the Western Division we have begun in Montana, Washington, Oregon and California, but as yet have done nothing in Idaho, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada. The discovery of gold in vast amounts and over much territory in Nevada have taken many of our Lutheran people thither and Rev. Emil Meyer, our missionary at San Jose, has made a prospecting tour and is anxious that at least one field missionary be sent into that territory.

HOW TO ACCOMPLISH THE WORK, OR MATTERS REFERRED TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL FOR ACTION.

The above in the main, are the facts as they present themselves to your Board.

1. We have found our present system and methods well adapted to our work and are convinced that, as men and means are provided, the number of field missionaries should be increased and effectively distributed over the entire territory. We believe that we have a good system, but that it should be enlarged and extended. Every large city, conference and section of our

mission territory should have at least one such agent. This will reduce the expenditure to a minimum and increase the revenue coming from our missions to the maximum, by giving us a larger number of self-sustaining congregations, by putting the organizations, which must still be placed under the care of the missionary, into a condition to make them self-sustaining in the shortest possible time.

2. We are all convinced that it should be our plan, as far as possible, to care for all our scattered people in the fields where our ungathered members are massed in large numbers as well as in those in which they are few. But each of these should be cared for by the expenditure of men and means proportionate to the possible results. The entire time of a Field Missionary or of a missionary should be given to the ripest field, where there is a possibility of securing the largest results and the certainty of the largest loss by our neglect. We believe that a method could be devised whereby, at small expenditure of men and means, small nuclei of Lutherans could be cared for, and in the future organized in groups or singly into self-sustaining parishes. In such territory as New England, the Canadian Northwest and others, where a sufficient number of our people are not yet anglicised, we recommend that mission bands be organized, to be placed under the care of a local or neighboring pastor, missionary or field missionary, or some competent layman. The services of these bands could often be held on weekdays and in private houses, while a Field or Traveling Missionary could perform the Ministerial Acts. Thus also we may be able to hold together our Lutheran people, in towns and cities and sections of cities, until we could organize them separately or with others into promising missions or self-sustaining parishes.

3. We realize that while our present system of apportionments is effective to a certain degree, it cannot be made to yield, at least for years to come, a sufficient revenue to support the large Home Mission work for which we are responsible. We propose to institute through the Superintendent and Field Missionaries an educational campaign and to issue the special appeal herewith submitted, to be distributed through the congregations of our District Synods during the approaching Reformation period, stating the vastness of the field, what has been accomplished, our present opportunities and possibilities, the need of sending out a

large number of Field Missionaries, and soliciting a personal and annual contribution to this forward movement. This appeal should have a detachable subscription blank, giving room for the name and address of the subscriber and the name of his congregation. These blanks are to be filled out and sent to the financial secretary, to whom all remittances shall be made. Before the closing of the accounts of the treasurers of the District Synods, the financial secretary shall send to each of them a statement of the sum total contributed by the members of the different congregations belonging to the Synod.

It is proposed that in order to acquaint those in authority with the pressing importance and necessity of this forward movement and to secure their hearty and intelligent co-operation, a convention be called at some central place in each Conference of the District Synods. That notice of the time and place of meeting be given in the church papers at least three weeks before such meeting and that our pastors be requested to urge upon their Church Councils attendance, and that the General Board send representatives to each of these conventions. The funds secured by this special and personal subscription, as already indicated, are to be employed in securing an adequate Field Missionary force, to gather the ungathered of our own household of faith, and all who will go with them, into Lutheran congregations. With the exception of using some of the income in caring for such neglected districts as Canada, New England, the Pacific coast and States like Montana and Nevada, where English Lutheranism either does not exist or cannot support such an agent, the means shall be expended on the territory of the Synod, Conference or city by which it is contributed. And we propose to care for and carry on the work as indicated in paragraph 2.

4. The Lettish congregation, Boston, Massachusetts, worshiping in St. Mark's church, has prospered greatly under their devoted pastor, Rev. John Steik. There are a number of these Lutheran people in Balitimore, Chicago, New York and Philadelphia, who, having been oppressed in Russia, are an easy prey to infidelic and anarchistic socialism, especially in the absence of all spiritual care. Rev. Steik is devoted to his people and is ready to go to these cities and organize his people into self-sustaining congregations, and is convinced that the work in these

cities can be accomplished within the space of three years. This work would require an outlay of $600 per year. This is a new department of work, and we desire the instructions of the General Council.

5. There has come to us a request from the Mission Board of the United Synod of the South to assist them in cultivating their large Home field. The Superintendent met Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D., the President, and other members of the Board at Winchester, Va., on the 19th of August. The result of the conference was, that, on the approval of the General Council, the English Home Mission Board would open a Southern department of Home Mission operations, and secure special subscriptions and donations to send one or more Field Missionaries into such territory as the United Synod of the South may assign, the present being the State of Alabama; that while the Field Missionaries shall be responsible and report to our Board, they and the missions established would be connected with the District Synod of the United Synod of the South, having jurisdiction of the place of location; and that the other questions arising are to be adjusted between the two Boards.

The delegate of the United Synod of the South to the Lima Convention expressed the hope that we might assist in caring for "the members of our beloved Church who are coming into Alabama," etc. We have received a communication from Alabama, where a number of our General Council Lutherans have made their homes, asking us to send a missionary and assuring us that the prospects are encouraging. The Board feels that the call here as everywhere is urgent, and that we ought to go forward.

6. The Board has been unable to secure an office either at 1522 Arch street, or in the additional building purchased by the Publication Board. According to the Minutes of 1905, page 139, the matter of setting aside a room in the Publication Building for the Home and Foreign Mission Board was "referred to the three Boards with power to act." We have not been able to secure a joint meeting of the three Boards to settle the matter. Up to the present, the Superintendent has kept his office and stored the boxes of Home Mission and Reformation envelopes, services, pamphlets, appeals and Lenten pyramids in his own private house, and would be content to save the Church the extra expense if that were possible. The growing work of the Home

Mission and Church Extension Boards, not only demands a permanent headquarters, but increasing room.

Appreciating favors shown to us by this Board and its obliging manager, Mr. Chas. B. Opp, the action of your last convention constrains us to report the facts, and our situation demands relief. Either the General Council must provide headquarters for all its Boards in one building, or make other arrangements. It must determine its own policy, and instruct its Boards accordingly.

7. As one of the great needs at the present time is more men, and as the number in our colleges and seminaries is not sufficient, we recommend that active efforts be put forth to supply these needs and that the work of securing more men be committed to the Committee of Education, or to some other Board or Committee of the General Council. This work can be no longer left to chance or haphazard. Our government does not depend on mere patriotism to secure men for its army and navy, but has in addition to its military schools a recruiting department with its offices and officers, in all parts of the United States. We believe that much could be accomplished, (a) In the visitation of secular universities and colleges, in which Lutheran students are gathered in considerable numbers, and also of our Lutheran colleges, to present to them the necessity of more men for the ministry of the Church and the claims of this office upon them. (b) In assisting our Lutheran institutions in systematic canvasses for young men to enter upon a course of preparation. (c) In keeping before our pastors by systematic correspondence and personal contact the necessity of urging this matter upon the hearts and consciences of the young men in their catechetical classes and in their congregations, and to seek by all honorable means to induce them to go to, and the parents to support them at, the college and seminary for this important work. (d) In preserving a record of the persons who are seriously considering the matter, those who have agreed to devote themselves and those who are in course of preparation for the holy office, for report to the Board and General Council.

8. We recommend that the same apportionments be made to the District Synods for each year of the coming biennium in support of our English Home Missions as in the last biennium, namely:

Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$12,500.00
Pittsburgh Synod	5,600.00
District Synod of Ohio	2,500.00
New York and New England Synod	1,500.00
Chicago Synod	1,200.00
Ministerium of New York	1,000.00
Synod of the Northwest	1,000.00
Pacific Synod	200.00
Nova Scotia Synod	100.00

We would ask that the English Corresponding Secretary of the Council be instructed to write to the District Synods, urging upon them the growing importance of putting forth more strenuous efforts to secure enlarged contributions.

Thanking the District Synods for their assistance I herewith submit our report for consideration, in behalf of the Board.

J. C. KUNZMANN, *Sec'y and Supt.*

For action on items 1 to 3 see Second Session. Under the fourth item, it was, on motion of Rev. Dr. Jacobs,

Resolved, That the matter of the Lettish missionary be referred to the English Home Mission Board, with power to act.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Ohl,

Resolved, That the Rev. John Steik, Lettish missionary, be given permission to address the General Council.

The Rev. Mr. Steik then addressed the Council.

Under item 5, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Jacobs, it was

Resolved, That the action of the Home Mission Board, in the matter of work in the Southern States, be approved, and that the Board be instructed to go forward with the work.

During the discussion of this item the Rev. Prof. L. A. Fox, D.D., of the United Synod of the South, was, on motion, heard.

Under Item 6, the Rev. Dr. Ohl offered a motion, action on which was deferred until the consideration of the Report of the Publication Board.

Under Item 7, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Roth, it was

Resolved, That this item be referred to the Committee on Education.

Item 8 having been adopted, the report, with amendments incorporated above, was adopted as a whole.

Resolved, That the item in the Report of the English Home Mission Board with reference to the securing of more men for the ministry, which was referred to the Committee on Education, and, by its chairman, declared to be outside of its province, be referred back to the Home Mission Board for action.

Statistics—English Home Mission Report.

Place.	Church.	Pastor.	Membership.					Contributions.		Church Property.
			Bap.	Com.	Add.	Loss.	S. S.	Cur. Exp.	Benevolence	
Montreal, Ontario, Canada ..	Redeemer	Chas. G. Beck	350	238	98	25	62	$879 20	$ 39 93	$19,000 00
New Britain, Conn.	Reformation	A. W. Rohrig	154	85	32	6	92	702 07	91 33	3,000 00
Hartford, Conn.	St. Paul's	.....	123	43	5	1	66	500 00	25 00	.....
Chicago, Ill.	Epiphany	.....	110	40	13	.....	68	313 00	24 90	.....
Austin, Ill.	Redeemer	J. R. E. Hunt	157	57	26	.....	111	1,239 84	42 66	2,000 00
Aurora, Ill.	Redeemer	R. C. Kaufman	62	47	25	6	88	505 61	23 50	6,500 00
Beloit, Wis.	Atonement	Paul H. Roth	120	60	20	1	55	1,211 72	116 68	2,000 00
Milwaukee, Wis.	Epiphany	G. K. Rubrecht	460	140	72	4	328	3,111 88	42 20	28,200 00
Superior, Wis.	Holy Trinity	W. H. Gable	108	50	18	2	65	749 07	7 30	1,500 00
Cedarburg, Wis.	Advent	G. O. Jost	78	43	4	5	35	562 00	52 00	.....
Duluth, Minn.	Trinity	.....	82	30	.....	2	72	105 00	10 00	.....
Sioux Falls, S. D.	Redeemer	R. W. Yeany	110	29	20	2	87	1,060 00	24 75	7,000 00
Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada.	First Eng. Lutheran	A. G. Olsson	77	31	7	13	46	127 00	24 00	7,500 00
Inwood, Manitoba, Canada..	.....	A. G. Olsson	102	50	50	.....	51	.....	.....	.....
*Salt Lake City, Utah	Trinity	F. W. Bussard	41	26	17	6	50	400 00	48 00	7,000 00
*Spanish Forks, Utah	English Lutheran	F. W. Bussard	60	35	.....	3	25	35 00	11 00	800 00
Bellingham, Wash.	St. Mark's	Theo. Schoenberg	147	72	17	5	67	367 57	22 35	1,200 00
Everett, Wash.	St. Paul's	Theo. Schoenberg	107	53	11	5	43	156 15	13 23	.....
Tacoma, Wash.	St. John's	C. F. W. Stoever	351	168	53	2	97	620 56	48 49	6,500 00
Vancouver, Wash.	St. Paul's	W. I. Eck	76	41	17	15	54	498 61	35 00	4,500 00
Portland, Ore.	St. James'	J. A. Leas	426	294	49	.....	109	7,465 00	152 50	46,000 00
San Jose, Cal.	Immanuel	Emil Meyer	159	80	8	51	103	1,586 93	63 00	3,400 00
Detroit, Mich.	Christ	W. C. Miller	200	100	25	7	84	1,869 76	88 35	8,000 00
Providence, R. I.	.....	F. Croman	34	15	15	.....	19	92 40	10 00	.....
Worcester, Mass.	English Lutheran	P. G. Krutzky	38	25	27	2	19	275 00	7 50	.....
Minneapolis, Minn.	Holy Trinity	.....	108	33	35	2	83	216 95	33 21	800 00
Livingston, Mont.	Redeemer	L. G. Deily	71	37	13	.....	34	2,925 00	9 29	2,500 00
Madison, Wis.	Holy Trinity	H. R. Gold	64	36	36	.....	33	365 87	15 00	.....
Washington, D. C.	Atonement	I. O. Baker	221	99	51	1	134	2,461 89	50 00	20,500 00
St. Paul, Minn.	Merriam Park	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oshkosh, Wis.	St. John's	C. B. Lindtwed	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Transferred to the Self-sustaining List.										
Boston, Mass.	St. Mark's	E. Lunn Miller	247	171	30	9	119	1,356 03	266 86	2,200 00
Boston, Mass.	Letonian Ev. Lutheran ...	John Steik	200	80	5	3	.....	750 00	.....	.....
Newark, N. J.	Grace	M. S. Waters	325	208	17	28	195	1,700 00	234 68	22,500 00
Anderson, Ind.	St. John's	D. L. Reese	122	69	7	4	49	1,000 00	74 38	8,000 00
Chicago, Ill.	St. Luke's	M. E. Haberland	394	138	43	5	391	2,300 00	95 00	18,000 00
Detroit, Mich.	St. Paul's	J. A. Miller	285	150	50	5	154	1,378 00	.....	7,000 00
Kenosha, Wis.	Grace	P. E. Baisler	520	205	64	29	318	2,875 00	175 15	15,000 00
Minneapolis, Minn.	St. Mark's	John Keehley	314	189	46	2	206	1,740 35	283 78	4,500 00
Seattle, Wash.	Holy Trinity	H. A. W. Yung	228	120	21	5	126	1,055 00	55 00	2,500 00
Organized as Self-sustaining by the Field Missionaries.										
Buckley, Ill.	Reformation	T. E. Stough	108	52	52	.....	48	850 00	.....	2,000 00
Woodstock, Ill.	Grace	J. H. Behrens	125	96	96	.....	44	650 00	15 00	.....
Waterloo, Wis.	St. Paul's	A. C. Petersen	84	58	58	.....	37	1,400 00	32 00	1,000 00
Toronto, Canada	St. Paul's	E. H. Boettger	125	75	76	1	74	1,150 00	36 50	.....
Galt, Canada	St. Paul's	M. J. Bieber	149	100	100	.....	38	910 00	.....	.....
Brantford, Canada	St. Matthew's	M. J. Bieber	72	20	.....	.....	.....	140 00	.....	.....
Albert Lea, Minn.	Salem	John Keehley	107	53	53	.....	66	1,400 00	25 00	.....
*Approximate figures, as Missionary failed to send		Total 1907	7,601	3,841	1,382	260	4,035	$39,956 46	$2,325 52	$260,600 00
last report. No. of Missions, 1905—32.		Total 1905	4,737	2,178	.....	.....	2,815	14,731 66	1,380 93	156,880 88

Secretary Drach read the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

DEAR BRETHREN.—There are two parts to this report. The first part recites how the Board has administered the affairs of the Telugu Mission in India, entrusted to its care and control. The second part contains the reports of the missionaries concerning their several spheres of labor. The Board respectfully submits this account of its work, as well as the missionaries' recital of their efforts and results on the mission field, with sincere thanksgiving to God for the measure of success obtained, with its grateful recognition of the increased interest and support of the home Church and of the zeal of our missionaries in India and with the earnest and confident hope that our General Council may do much more in the coming years for the extension of the Kingdom of God on earth in obedience to our Saviour's last and great commission.

A.—THE BOARD.

I.

Eighteen regular and special meetings have been held by the Board during the past two years. Since the middle of September, 1906, the Board has been deprived of the service of two of its most valuable members, the Rev. William Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D., and the Rev. Andrew S. Fichthorn, the former having attended four and the latter eight meetings of the Board previous to the time designated.

Dr. Wm. A. Schaeffer was first elected a member of the Board of Foreign Missions by the General Council, at Zanesville, O., in 1879. His removal from Philadelphia to Chicago the next year obliged him to resign, but on his return to Pennsylvania in 1882 he was re-elected and thereafter served as a member of the Board without interruption to the day of his death, July 27, 1907, a period of more than twenty-five years. He was identified with "The Foreign Missionary" as editor or associate editor, with occasional, brief interruptions, since it was first published, in

1880. He was the Board's English secretary from October, 1888, to February, 1891, and thereafter its corresponding secretary until November, 1906, when he resigned on account of the illness which eventually caused his death. He served in these positions without the slightest remuneration. He was always ready to sacrifice his time and talents in the interests of our foreign mission, and his familiarity with its history, problems, needs and prospects, gave him a commanding position in the counsels of the Board. At the November, 1906, and again at the July, 1907, meetings, the Board passed resolutions expressing to him its sympathy and its high appreciation of his long and valuable service.

The Rev. Andrew S. Fichthorn was compelled, early in September, 1906, on account of ill-health, to resign his pastorate of the Church of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia, and shortly thereafter to sail for Germany in search of health. The Board regrets his enforced absence because of the service which he as a former missionary familiar with our foreign field, could have rendered.

It is to be noted in this connection that the members of the Board living at a distance have attended its meetings with commendable regularity.

The General Secretary, the Rev. George Drach, has attended to the duties of corresponding secretary since the resignation of Dr. Schaeffer, has taken charge of the lists of scholarships and native workers supported, has preserved and filed for ready use all important papers and documents, kept accounts of special funds, aided the various committees of the Board, superintended the publication of its literature, attended to the Epiphany appeals and envelopes, written frequent articles on our mission for "The Lutheran," "The Mission Worker," "The Church Review," "Der Lutherische Herold" and other Church papers, edited "The Foreign Missionary" since February, 1906, acted as editor of the "Missionsbote" for August and September, 1906, visited as many of the meetings of the various Synods each year as it was possible for him to attend, delivered mission addresses at meetings of district conferences, Woman's H. and F. Missionary Societies, Luther Leagues and other societies, and spent most of his Sun-

days and many week-days in response to invitations received, presenting the cause in congregations and their Sunday-schools. The Rev. R. Bielinski visited the Canada Synod in 1906 and in 1907, and the Rev. A. S. Fichthorn the District Synod of Ohio, in 1906, as the Board's representatives. The latter, also, before his illness, in stereopticon lectures, and the President in mission sermons and addresses, frequently presented the cause in congregations and at conventions. The Rev. C. E. Slaett furnished "The Augustana" with regular reports of the proceedings of the Board meetings, and the Rev. J. A. Weyl wrote occasional articles for the "Lutherische Herold."

The President, General Secretary, the Rev. R. Bielinski, the Rev. E. T. Horn, D.D., and Mr. James M. Snyder attended the fourteenth conference of Foreign Mission Boards in the United States and Canada, held in Philadelphia, January 9-10, 1907, the President presiding at the closing session. The Board believes that association with the members and officers of other foreign mission boards for the discussion of both the theoretical and practical sides of foreign mission work will be helpful to those who are called upon to solve the problems of our foreign mission work, which multiply as rapidly as that work develops and expands.

In compliance with the instructions given at the last meeting of the General Council the Board encouraged the celebration of the Bi-centennial of Protestant Foreign Missions on or about November 29, 1905, the anniversary of the sailing of Bartholomew Ziegenbalg and Heinrich Pluetschau from Copenhagen for Tranquebar, S. India. The President and General Secretary were called upon for a number of special bi-centennial addresses, that of the former having been published in pamphlet form. The observance of this anniversary, in one way or another, was quite general throughout our General Council, and undoubtedly stimulated the interest of many of our congregations in the cause of foreign missions.

II.

LITERATURE.

The "Missionsbote," of which the Rev. R. Bielinski continues to be the editor, and the Rev. H. Grahn, D.D., the business man-

ager, has maintained its former efficiency as the German organ of the Board. We bespeak for it a still larger circulation than it has hitherto had. "The Foreign Missionary," under the business management of the General Council Publication House, has, for the first time in its history, been on a self-supporting basis during the past biennium. The number of subscriptions has been steadily increasing and its usefulness as the English medium of foreign mission information and inspiration is unquestionable. Reluctantly and with regret the Board accepted the resignation of the Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D., as editor of "The Foreign Missionary," which took effect with the December, 1905, number, expressing to him its high appreciation of the service he had rendered for twelve years in that capacity.

During the bi-ennium past the Board has published more mission literature than during the years of its previous existence. 8,000 English and 1,000 German copies of the last biennial report were distributed gratis. Besides the President's pamphlet on "Bartholomew Ziegenbalg," the Board has issued the General Secretary's pamphlets on "Woman's Missionary Work in India" and "The Situation Today in India," a booklet on "The Central Girls' School," by Miss Agnes I. Schade, and a large wall-map of the foreign field drawn by the Rev. R. Arps. The Board has also recommended "The Christian Conquest of India," by James M. Thoburn, for use in mission study classes. It proposes again to publish and distribute gratis this biennial report of our missionaries in India. Since information begets interest, and interest, effort, it wishes to continue the campaign of missionary education.

III.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The Board regards the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of the various Synods to be valuable auxiliaries in the work, and herewith expresses its appreciation of their interested co-operation. A permanent adjustment of the amicable relations now existing between the Board and the synodical societies, so as to guarantee for all time their harmonious and effective co-operation, might well engage the attention both of the societies and the Board. The following table shows the present strength

and foreign missionary activity of the organized Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies:

	Congregational Societies.	Total Membership.		Foreign Mission Contributions.
Pennsylvania Society, 1905-1906.....	230	7098	....	$5823 72
Augustana Society	....	....	....	.....
New York & New England Soc., 1906.	27	1000	....	$504 87

"The Mission Worker," published quarterly by the Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society of the Ministerium of Penna., edited by Miss Emma A. Endlich, Reading, Penna., and now in its tenth volume, has a wide circulation in the woman's missionary societies of the various synods, and serves the interests of our foreign mission in a most admirable manner.

While the Board is not prepared to recommend the formation of men's missionary societies corresponding with the woman's societies, it, nevertheless, urges our pastors to enlist the intelligent co-operation of the men, as well as the women of our Church, in the great work of foreign missions.

IV.

CONTRIBUTIONS, DONATIONS, AND BEQUESTS.

It is extremely gratifying to be able to report that the home Church has not only contributed a sum sufficient to meet the immediate demands of our developing mission work, but has also heartily and adequately responded to the special appeals which were necessary on account of the financial loss sustained in consequence of the failure of our India bankers, Arbuthnot and Co., Madras, in October, 1906. The use of $3,150.00 in the General Fund, $1,854.00 in the Building Fund, and $350.00 which had been deposited by Dr. Lydia Woerner as a special Hospital Fund, has been lost, and the Board has been informed that the restoration of even a small portion of the amounts on deposit at the time of the failure is problematical. When the news of the failure was cabled by the chairman of the Executive Committee, the Board at once authorized its officers to borrow whatever sum might be needed to carry on the mission work. Fortunately the response of the friends of the mission to the Board's appeals for special contributions to cover the loss, was so prompt and liberal, that

the Board was relieved of the dreaded necessity of creating a debt, and today the treasury is in a normal condition. This is all the more gratifying because of the extra strain on the treasury to meet the expenses of the new buildings for the Boys' Central School.

The treasurer's report shows that both the income and the expenditures of the biennium under review exceed those of previous bienniums, but that the income has been sufficient to allow the Board to grant our missionaries the sums asked and required to improve every opportunity for the extension of the mission work in India, is not asserted. Indeed the Board has been obliged almost invariably to reduce the semi-annual estimates of our missionaries.

Special acknowledgment is due those friends and societies which generously reimbursed Miss Charlotte Swenson and the Rev. Rudolph Arps for the loss of salary, the Rev. H. E. Isaacson for the loss of tent money, and the Widow's and Rampa funds for losses sustained by the bank failure. The private losses of several of our missionaries, including the chairman of the executive committee, far exceeded those of the mission, which makes the disaster all the more deplorable.

To the firm of R. Hoe & Co., New York, for the donation of a large cylinder press, to Mr. James G. Finley, of Philadelphia, for his successful effort to secure this donation, and to Mr. Wm. P. M. Braun, of Philadelphia, for his contribution to provide for the equipment of the printing establishment, which is to be known as the Braun Industrial Mission Press, we owe debts of special gratitude. To the Young Ladies' Foreign Mission Society of the First Lutheran Church, of St. Paul, Minn., the Rev. Peter Peterson, pastor, for the continued payment of one-half of the Rev. O. O. Eckardt's salary, to the Buffalo Luther Leagues for the payment of the Rev. Karl Wolters' salary, and to Holy Trinity Church, Lancaster, Pa., the Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., pastor, for the payment of the Rev. F. W. Wackernagel's salary, we again return our thanks. The First General Council Mission League, of Monaca, Pa., has generously offered to raise $600, or one-half of the sum required to build an emergency ward for the isolation of contagious diseases in connection with the Girls' Central School.

The "Weiskotten Memorial Fund," which is to be used for the training of native workers, has reached the sum of $1513.71, and the Samulkot Church Fund contributed by the Missionary Society of Augustana College and Seminary, the sum of $1723.31, and the Boys' Central School Building Fund, $4835.17.

Two bequests have been paid, one of $1000 from the estate of Henry Kuntz, Slatington, Pa., and one of $1215, from the estate of Mary Prange, Lancaster, Pa. A third of $1000, from the estate of Miss Rose Geissenhainer, Morrisburg, N. J., will doubtless be reported by the trustees of the General Council. Two persons, one living in Minneapolis, Minn., and the other in St. Augustine, Fla., have offered to donate sufficient sums for investment, the interest of which is to be used for the permanent endowment of boys' scholarships.

Besides the lists of boys' and girls' scholarships one of native workers to be supported has been prepared for the benefit of those who desire to undertake special work.

The contributions of the various Synods and congregations has so far exceeded the amounts apportioned that the Board deems it expedient to recommend that the apportionments be raised so as to correspend more nearly with the contributions received.

Before leaving the subject of finance we desire to express our appreciation of the donation of $50.00 annually contributed by the American Tract Society, for the publication and distribution of religious literature in the vernacular.

V.

MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH.

May 5, 1906, Miss Emilie L. Weiskotten reached New York, having returned from India on a well earned furlough. Several weeks thereafter Miss Lydia Woerner, M.D., landed in San Francisco on her way to Philadelphia. May 31 and December 13, 1906, and July 2, 1907, the Board held conferences with Miss Weiskotten concerning her work in India and her itinerary in America. Conferences with Dr. Lydia Woerner with regard to the same matters were held September 6 and December 13, 1906. Stenographic reports of these conferences have been preserved. Both of our returned missionaries delivered numerous addresses

in many places before congregations, societies and conventions. Miss Weiskotten was especially active in this direction from September, 1906, to June, 1907. Her zeal for the cause and her devotion to her work as well as her descriptions of the schools for Hindu girls left lasting impressions on her audiences. After devoting a few weeks during the fall of 1906 to an itinerary, delivering addresses, Dr. Woerner spent several months in New York City taking special courses of study in medicine and surgery. She attended courses and clinics at the Post Graduate College and Hospital and at the Maternity Hospital, New York, her expenses having been defrayed by the Pennsylvania Synodical Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society.

Both have been asked to return to India and continue their work in the mission. Miss Weiskotten has signified her intention to sail from America in the "Kroonland," early in November. As early as September 8, 1906, after the Board's first conference with Dr. Lydia Woerner, it was resolved "that it is the sense of this Board that Dr. Woerner shall return to India at the expiration of her furlough and that the Board at no time had any other thought." Since then Dr. Woerner has twice been informed that the Board desired her to return to India.

VI.

THE NEED OF ADDITIONAL MISSIONARIES.

At least three additional Zenana sisters are needed at once. Although the Board has made every endeavor to secure a suitable woman missionary to assist in the work of the Girls' Central School and in September, 1906, was on the point of securing a young lady from Erie, Pa., its efforts have, hitherto, been unsuccessful. Since Miss Schade's furlough is long overdue and the need of a second Zenana sister for the Girl's Central School is urgent, the Board solicits the aid of the pastors who may be able to recommended some one for this service. A lady with a teacher's certificate and some experience as an instructor is required. A second woman missionary is needed for the distinct Zenana work of which Miss Charlotte Swenson, now in a precarious condition of health, has had charge, and Miss Weiskotten is very anxious that some one shall either accompany or immedi-

ately follow her to India and assist in the care of the Hindu Girls' School. Furthermore several ordained missionaries should be sent to our field in India this year, in order that the work may not suffer should any of the present missionaries leave the field. Moreover, the furlough of a number will be due in 1908 and 1909 and there should be new missionaries at hand to superintend the work while the older ones are on furlough and to take charge of newly formed districts. Indeed, no year should pass without some reinforcement of our missionaries in India.

The Board rejoices in the accession of a new medical missionary in the person of Dr. Amy Belle Rohrer, of Grace Church, Lancaster, Pa., who after having been a student for four years in the Woman's Hospital and College, Philadelphia, where she was supported by the Pennsylvania Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society, was graduated from that institution in May, 1907. She passed a satisfactory medical examination and was called as a medical missionary. She will sail for India this fall and when she has acquired a knowledge of Telugu and has passed her second year's examination in the vernacular she will, we have every reason to believe, become an efficient worker in the mission.

Dr. Betty Nelson, whom the Augustana Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society supported as a medical student, was graduated last spring from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the University of Illinois. The Board has granted her permission to engage in a year's hospital work before entering our service.

The Board has not been without applications for service in our foreign mission but has not felt justified in extending a call except where it was convinced that the qualifications of the applicant reached the standard which it believes should be maintained.

VII.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

The incorporation of the Board has not yet been effected, the Board's legal adviser having deemed it inadvisable to make any changes until the transfer of property in India shall have been completed. Meanwhile Dr. Harpster has continued to act under the power of attorney granted by the trustees of the General Council.

Concerning the matter of an office of the Board of Foreign Missions in Philadelphia at the General Council Publication House, the Board has arrived at no definite conclusion, its consultation with the Publication Board having shown the impossibility, at present, of securing a room in the Publication House.

B.—THE FIELD.

I.

The work of our missionaries in the field has made commendable progress as the submitted parochial reports show. Whilst the cholera was not permitted to harm any one of our missionaries, several of them experienced periods of illness from accidents, fever, measles and minor ailments. Dr. Harpster's recent accident, however, and Miss Swenson's state of health are matters of serious concern. The Board has requested that every possible comfort be afforded Miss Swenson and has, also, sent a sufficient sum of money for a health trip, hoping that her life may be spared.

During the month of July, 1907, the Rev. Karl L. Wolters was seriously ill with typhoid fever, from which he happily recovered. His recovery was due principally to the careful nursing which he received in the home of the Rev. Messrs. Eckardt and Larson by Mrs. Eckardt and Miss Wahlberg, both of whom are trained nurses.

In order that the health and vigor of our missionaries may be preserved, it is essential that the time and money allowed under the rules and regulations be used for vacations in the hills. We regret to say that several missionaries omitted to take vacation trips in 1906 and only two with their wives went to the hills in 1907. If the cause of this is an insufficient hill allowance, the sum stipulated should be increased so as to guarantee the benefit of a vacation trip for every missionary.

During the epidemic of cholera our Zenana sisters in Rajahmundry rendered Miss Schade every assistance in their power to care for the patients in the Girls' Central School, for which the Board expressed to them its sincere appreciation.

The growth of the mission may be judged, apart from the table of statistics appended, by the increase of the expenditures. During the previous biennium the quarterly remittances for the

General Fund were $2000 or $8000 for twelve months. From January 1 to October 1, 1906 the quarterly remittances were $2500, from October 1, 1906, to June 1, 1907, $2667, and since June, 1907, $2687, the last mentioned sum calling for $14.748.00 a year. An Emergency Fund for all extra purposes not included in the general estimates, has been created, in which the Board aims to maintain a balance of $500. For this Emergency Fund $2366 were remitted during the biennium under review. The expenditures for the building operations form a separate account.

II.

BUILDING OPERATIONS.

The bank failure in October, 1906, and other unforeseen causes delayed the completion of the new buildings for the Boys' Central School. We have been informed that the new buildings will be ready for occupancy in December, 1907. $17,666 have been remitted for these buildings and several thousand more must be sent to complete them. Mr. McCready, the superintendent of building operations, has rendered efficient service in that capacity.

When the Boys' Central School is moved to the new buildings erected about a mile and a half outside of Rajahmundry, yet within ready access of the town, a Bible Training Department is to be added to the course of study. This department will offer a special course of religious instruction to those who are being trained for mission work.

Property costing Rs. 3300 or $1100 was bought at Peddapur in July, 1906, for the High School in that village. The Board was called upon to pay only $100 of the sum required for the purchase of the same. During the spring of 1907 a new hall, costing $280 and paid by the Board was built for the accommodation of this High School.

Extensive repairs to the missionary's bungalow in Tallapudi, after the Rev. Mr. Trafford had gone thither, and recently to the bungalow at Riverdale, have been made. A new house-boat purchased by the Rev. Ernst Neudoerffer and called "The Canada," has replaced the "Dove of Peace," the use or disposal of which had been left to the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Miss Schade has asked that an addition, apart from the emer-

gency ward for the confinement of contagious diseases, be built to the Girls' Central School dormitory to provide additional rooms for boarding teachers and pupils, and that two rooms be added to her bungalow for the accommodation of an additional Zenana sister.

The purchase or erection of a house to serve as a Satram or rest-house in Rajahmundry for the use of visiting native workers and the erection on mission property of a Home for widows have been held under advisement until their need is clearly demonstrated and more definite proposals shall have reached the Board from the Executive Committee in India.

The new Aryapuram Hindu Girls' School, the gift of Mr. Achutaramiah, presented in the name of his wife, was opened January 23, 1907. This unusual gift of a Brahmin testifies to his generosity and to his appreciation of the work of the mission in Rajahmundry.

Among the building operations proposed are new church buildings in Samulkot and Dowlaishwaram and the new Hospital for Women and Children in Rajahmundry. The plans and estimates for the hospital were laid before the Board in February, 1904. Contributions amounting to $2500 have been received for its erection and we have been informed that the Pennsylvania and Augustana Woman's H. and F. Missionary Societies each have already collected about $6000. Objections were raised by Dr. Woerner to the beginning of the work of erecting the hospital while she is on furlough, and to certain details in the approved plans, the alterations of which have not yet been definitely defined by her. Consequently the building of the hospital had to be delayed.

In compliance with the request of the Mission Council and Executive Committee in India $100 were contributed for the erection of a church building by the Leipsic Lutheran Mission at Kodaikanal on the Pulney hills. Our missionaries who go to this place for their vacations will worship in this church and be invited to preach in it.

III.

MISSIONARIES AND THEIR WORK.

The Rev. Oscar L. Larson, the Rev. O. O. Eckardt and their wives arrived at Rajahmundry January 16, 1906. Their late ar-

rival was a distinct disadvantage to them, first, because it shortened the time for the study of the vernacular in preparation for the first examination, and secondly, because it allowed them less time to adjust themselves to their new surroundings before the hot season began. A bungalow owned by Mrs. Taylor was rented for their accommodation in Rajahmundry. On the recommendation of the Executive Committee the Rev. O. O. Eckardt, after having passed his first vernacular examination in November, 1906, was associated in January, 1907, with the Rev. H. E. Isaacson at Samulkot during his second year of study. The happy advent of a daughter in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Larson is noted in the report of the chairman of the Executive Committee.

The Rev. K. L. Wolters having passed his second examination in the vernacular, was in January, 1907, given independent charge of the Korukonda field.

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee in India Rev. Edward Trafford was placed in charge of the Yenigudem district with residence at Tallapudi. The latest reports inform us that he has made a good beginning in that district, having moved to Tallapudi in November, 1906, and toured his district during the ensuing months.

The Rev. Rudolph Arps at Dowlaishwaram enjoys the confidence of the English officials as well as the natives, having for a term occupied the official position of burgess of Dowlaishwaram town. Since July, 1905, the Rev. H. E. Isaacson resumed charge of the Peddapur High School over which he had exercised control before his last furlough. It was felt at the time that the positions of manager of the Boys' Central and High Schools in Rajahmundry and of mission treasurer imposed a sufficient burden of responsibility on the Rev. Mr. Wackernagel. After the transfer of the Yenigudem district to the Rev. Mr. Trafford, the Rev Ernst Neudoerffer retained supervision of the Tanuku taluk with residence in Tadepalligudem. By special permision of the Board he was married January 22, 1907, to our medical missionary, Julia Van der Veer in St. Paul's Church, Rajahmundry, by the Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D., the understanding being that Dr. Van der Veer Neudoerffer is to continue the medical work until relieved. The executive committee was authorized, in accord with its re-

quest, to designate two catechists in the Bhimawaram field to o' tain license under the Christian marriage act to perform the marriage ceremony. The transfer of the Rev. J. William from the Bhimawaram to another field was asked and granted. For other details of mission work we refer to the second part of the report.

IV.

ARBITRATION WITH THE BAPTISTS.

At the Board meeting held May 31, 1906, an agreement entered into by representatives of our own mission and that of the Ontario and Quebec Mission of the Baptists was ratified. This agreement referred to an amicable adjustment of boundary lines and interdenominational principles of mission work. In the Ramachendrapuram, Bhimawaram, Peddapur and Pittapur taluks certain boundary lines between the two misions were established. The following principles of mission comity were adopted: 1. "Neither mission will receive any agent or member from the other without the full and written consent of the missionary of such agent or member. 2. Neither mission will enter a village to do mission work where the other has established itself and is making a fair effort to bring the people to the knowledge of the truth." All issues relating to the agreement are to be referred to a committee of six missionaries, three from each mission.

V.

JOINT ENTERPRISES.

The various Lutheran Missions in India, both American an European, and especially those working among the Telugus, are seeking closer co-operation. An all-India Lutheran Conference is periodically held, a Joint Telugu Lutheran Conference convenes annually and under the auspices of the latter a Joint Lutheran Publication Society has been formed for the support of which our mission contributes $190 annually, $150 for the salary of an editor and $40 for a munshi. This society publishes a monthly magazine called "The Gospel Witness," for which the Rev. Mr Neudoerffer is our mission's correspondent.

An agreement has been made by the four Telugu Lutheran missions according to which the native workers in the same shall

be examined annually in Bible knowledge by a committee of the four missions. The translation of the Church Book into Telugu for use in the General Council and General Synod missions is being undertaken by a committee consisting of the Revs. Arps and Aberly.

The establishment of a Joint Telugu Lutheran High School for Christian boys and of a Joint Lutheran Training School for Bible women has been discussed. That which, at present, however, demands our most serious consideration is the establishment of a Joint Telugu Lutheran Theological Seminary.

VI.

THE JOINT TELUGU LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

At the meeting of the Joint Telugu Lutheran Conference held at Salur in 1904 the Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D., presented a paper which led to the appointment of a committee on the establishment of a Joint Theological Seminary for the four Telugu Lutheran missions. This committee reported favorably at the next meeting, held at Rajahmundry in September, 1905, as follows:

Rajahmundry, India, 23 Sept., 1905.

The committee appointed at the meeting of the Joint Lutheran Conference at Salur to consider and report on the matter of a Joint Theological School for the four Lutheran missions working in the Telugu area, viz., General Synod (Guntur), General Council (Rajahmundry), Hermannsburg and Schleswig-Holstein, submit to the several Mission Councils, for transmission to their respective Boards, the following report:

1. There is no doubt in the mind of the committee that the establishment of a joint theological school by the four missions, using the same native language, would be in the interests of economy and efficiency. It would be converting three or four poorly equipped, undermanned schools into one strong, fully equipped one, without requiring any increase whatever in staff of instructors or cost of maintenance.

2. Believing that the different Boards cannot consider the question of amalgamation unless the doctrinal basis of the proposed institution be first clearly defined, the following is recommended as its doctrinal basis:

All instructors and teachers in the school shall hold the inspired Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the only infallible rule of faith and practice. They shall subscribe to the Augustana Invariata and Luther's Catechisms. They shall also be required in their teaching to be true

to the Lutheran system of theology as developed in the Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church, and set forth and defended by her dogmaticians.

3. As the question of staff and expenses depends on the classes of students admitted, we recommend that provision be made for a lower and a higher grade of studies. Were the Lower Grade only two years and the Higher Grade three years, which would be the minimum, provision would already have to be made for five classes. The time may come when the Lower Grade may be abolished, but that time in our missions is still far distant.

4. *Staff of Teachers.* Each mission cooperating should set apart one missionary for the work. If, in addition, one native Christian teacher were to be furnished by each mission, the staff would be ample. The committee would point out that this would not be as large a staff as the combined staff of the different theological institutions now supported by the missions represented.

5. *Cost of Institution.* Each mission would, as a matter of course, support its own missionary. It would also support its own students. This would hold both its missionary and students to their own mission. Incidental expenses would be very slight, but these might be proportionally divided.

It would be understood that the missionary set apart for this work would hold his place as a member of the mission which would appoint and support him; also that the students supported by each mission would be under obligation to work in the mission that supported them while pursuing their studies.

6. *Place.* As Hermannsburg is in the extreme south of the Telugu country and Breklum in the extreme north, the desirability of having the institution in a central place would limit the choice to two localities, viz., Rajahmundry and Guntur. These two places having equal advantages, the committee deems it fair that the place that makes the best offer for the institution should have it. It considers that the mission in whose bounds the school is to be located might reasonably be expected to furnish the needed buildings; which ought to cost not less than Rs.15,000 or $5,000. A house for the missionary representing missions on the staff would have to be built, or rented, at the expense of his own mission.

It is the opinion of the committee that further details may well be left in abeyance until the scheme proposed has, at least, a general approval. It, therefore, submits the above general scheme, with the request that the various boards be asked to take action on the following propositions:

(1) Would the Board be willing to cooperate in the founding and maintaining of a Joint Theological School?

(2) Would it be willing to set apart a missionary of its own for it and provide for him the needed house (which until the permanency of the school were assured, might well be a rented house), even though the school should not be located in its own mission field?

(3) What contribution in the way of buildings would the Board be willing to make should the school be located in its own mission field?

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. HARPSTER, *Convener.*
J. ABERLY.
E. POHL.
J. WOERLEIN.
Committee.

The above plan submitted to the Board with the hearty recommendation of the Mission Council, was acted on as follows at the January, 1906, Board meeting:

"In reference to the establishment of a General Theological Seminary by the Lutheran missions to the Telugus the Board recognizes that the matter must be referred to the General Council for final decision."

The General Synod is disposed to favor the establishment of such a seminary according to the plan proposed with certain modifications. From the Breklum and Hermannsburg missions no definite recommendations have, as yet, been received.

It remains for this General Council to instruct its Board whether or not it shall encourage the establishment of a Joint Theological Seminary for the Telugu Lutherans in India and on what conditions such encouragement shall be given.

VII.

RANGOON, BURMA.

At the May, 1906, Board meeting Mr. W. Fred. Monroe, in the name of a number of Sunday-schools in Philadelphia, co-operating with him, offered a pledge for the support of a catechist at Rangoon, Burma, in response to an appeal by the chairman of the Executive Committee in India, pointing out the need of an established congregation in that city for the benefit of those of our Telugu Lutherans who have moved thither from our field in search of more remunerative employment. The Board gratefully accepted this offer to provide for the support of the Rangoon catechist for three years and authorized the chairman of the Executive Committee to go to Rangoon with a catechist and establish a congregation. After some delay Vungara Sreeramalu, catechist at St. Paul's, Rajahmundry, was selected as the Rangoon cate-

chist and in May, 1907, he accompanied Dr. Harpster to Rangoon to begin the work.

VIII.

THE HAAS' LANDS.

In the April, 1907, minutes of the Mission Council we were informed that Dr. Schmidt had transferred certain lands to the mission and that Rs. 1615.3 or about $538 realized from the same had been deposited by Dr. Harpster with the Bank of Madras. He was directed to pay these proceeds into the mission treasury to be kept in a separate account. Dr. Harpster has furnished the Board with a detailed statement of the transfer of the Haas' lands after having had a conference with Dr. Schmidt at Kotagiri in the Nilgiri hills in June, 1907.

The following is a digest of Dr. Schmidt's submitted account:

The Haas Endowment Account.

Receipts.		*Disbursements.*	
Received from Mr. J. Haas:		Spent on church and other buildings:	
Aug. 24, 1890, Draft No. 163	Rs.507. 8.	In Lankapuram	Rs.3755.12
Aug. 24, 1890, Draft No. 188	560.	10 acres in Kumadavelli	1872.
Nov., 1890, Draft No. 219	533.	23 acres in Mahadevapatnam	2635.
April 30, 1891, Draft No. 277	1725. 7. 6	15.36 acres in Pedamiram	599.
April 13, 1892, Draft No. 469	3182. 3. 3	15 acres in Agraharam	1110.
Sept. 8, 1892	16558. 8. 4	80 acres in Bhimawaram	4248.
Total receipts	Rs.23066.11. 1	89 acres in Yenumaduru	3725.
Paid by Rev. H. C. Schmidt	12823. 5. 9	20 acres in Gorlamudi	1361.
	Rs.35890. 0.10	Paid Rev. C. James in 1900, 1901, 1902....	602.12
		Mortgages	15981. 8.10
			Rs.35890. 0.10

LIST OF LANDS IN BHIMAWARAM TALUK.

Seven lots in Mahadevapatnam, survey numbers and extent of each specified in Dr. Schmidt's account, the total area being 22 acres, 94½ cents.

Nine lots in Pedamiram, survey numbers and extent of each specified, the total area being 15 acres, 36½ cents.

Five lots in Narasingajniram Agraharam, survey numbers and extent of each specified, the total area being 14 acres, 60 cents.

Eight lots in Gorlamudi, survey numbers and extent of each specified, the total area being 26 acres, 33 cents.

Nineteen lots in Yenumaduru, survey numbers and extent of each specified, the total area being 103 acres, 48 cents.

Five lots in Kumadavelli, one rented by the munsiff and three cultivated by the catechist Patti Gnanaprakasham for his support, the survey numbers and extent of each specified, the total area being 11 acres, 92 cents.

Thirteen lots in Bhimawaram, survey numbers and extent of each specified, the total area being 93 acres, 82 cents.

Total area of cultivated lands, mostly rice-fields, 288 acres, 46 cents.

LIST OF MORTGAGES.

The name of the mortgagee, the amount of loan and the amount of money returned are specified in each case, in Dr. Schmidt's account, namely, 12 mortgage loans in Anakodair, 1 in Anawaram, 1 in Areder, 6 in Ballasamudhi, 3 in Bondada, 1 in Chinapolera, 1 in Chinamiram, 12 in Gorlamudi, 1 in Gollapalem, 10 in Kumadavelli, 2 in Kopawaram, 8 in Kopilla, 4 in Komarada, 1 in Korapadu, 1 in Konitivada, 2 in Kaparam, 1 in Mallaishwaram, 4 in Mahadevapatnam, 2 in Pedamiram, 2 in Palcole, 7 in Rayalam, 2 in Sisali, 3 in Tadairu, 2 in Undi, 1 in Unikili, 5 in Vamipad, 2 in Velutirr, 2 in Visakoder, 1 in Yenumaduru, 2 in Segupad, 2 in Vamipad, and the Bhimawaram landing place.

105 mortgages, amounting in all to Rs.22270.14.7, on which Rs.6289.5.9 have been returned, so that the amount due on mortgages, exclusive of interest, is Rs.15981.8.10 ($5327.00).

In regard to the list of mortgages submitted by Dr. Schmidt and transferred to the mission, Dr. Harpster expresses the belief that the greater part must finally be written off as worthless. The loans were made in nearly every case to Christians by two native catechists, and were misrepresented or misconstrued as gratuitous aid. To institute legal proceedings is considered unwise under the circumstances.

In regard to the land, of which 288 acres have been transferred, under secure title, registered in the land office at Bhimawaram, Dr. Schmidt puts an average valuation of about Rs.100 an acre on it. Dr. Harpster is more conservative, estimating its value at Rs.75 per acre. He believes, however, that if improved and cultivated, the lands are bound to increase in value. It now yields a return of about Rs.600 or $200 to the mission.

Financial Statement of Haas' Lands.

(From September 15, 1906 to July 12, 1907.)

Receipts.

September 15, 1906, Sale of land at Anakodair to recover mortgage loan Rs.400.0.0

Dec. 19, 1906, From payment of loan by Bhupati Razu.....	1300.0.0
March 12, 1907, Interest on loan from M. Lazarus.....	30.0.0
March 12, 1907, Rent for 1906 by Kamadavalli Munsiff.....	20.0.0
March 12, 1907, Rent from C. Thomas Yena, lands, 1906.....	200.0.0
	Rs.1950.0.0

Disbursements.

Sept. 21, 1906, 15 demarcation stones, Pedamiram, @ 9 annas...	Rs.8. 7.0
Oct. 8, 1906, 6 demarcation stones, Yena, @ 9 annas.....	3. 6.0
March 12, 1907, by purchase, one acre seed-bed land at Yena....	300. 0.0
March 12, 1907, transfer cowl from Mahommed Ali Sahib.....	5. 0.0
March 12, 1907, expenses transfer Haas' lands from Dr. Schmidt	18. 0.0
	Rs.334.13. 0

Balance, Rs.1615.3.0 handed Mission Treasurer.

J. H. HARPSTER.

Kotagiri, 12 July, 1907.

It is gratifying to be able to report the final settlement of this matter. The Board has pledged itself to administer the Haas' Endowment Fund in accord with the wishes of the donor.

IX.

THE RAJAHMUNDRY BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

In connection with the Boys' Central School in which our native workers are educated and trained, a High School for Boys in Rajahmundry, established by the Rev. E. Neudoerffer when he was manager of the school, has been maintained. With the proposed removal of the Boys' Central School to the new buildings the question has arisen whether or not the Boys' High School in Rajahmundry shall be continued as a separate institution. The continuation of this school would require, first of all, extensive repairs and additional buildings in connection with the buildings hitherto used by the Boys' Central and High School in the town of Rajahmundry. Furthermore, the Government demands for schools of such a grade, a scientific apparatus the purchase of which would involve considerable outlay. Moreover, the maintenance of such a school would call for repeated expenditures, inasmuch as the fee income is not expected to cover the expenses of maintainance. Above all the teaching requirements in such an institution necessitate the employment of a staff of teachers, the majority of whom would under any circumstances be Hindus

and not Christians. A lengthy correspondence was carried on for some time between the field and the Board and the following action was taken by the Board at its meeting in February, 1907: "The Board cannot see its way clear to supply the funds to improve and continue the High School at Rajahmundry and to secure for it a staff of competent Christian teachers. The matter is therefore referred to the executive committee in India which is instructed to consider the matter and report to the Board any plans for this purpose which it may deem feasible."

While the matter is thus held in abeyance, the High School is to be continued according to the Board's instruction until the close of 1907, or until the Boys' Central School is moved to its new quarters. It may be well to state that the Board is inclined to favor the discontinuance of the Boys' High School in Rajahmundry and to concentrate, rather, upon the improvement and elevation of the Central School, in order that a high grade of native workers may be trained in that institution.

If this Council desires to enter into a full discussion of this matter, the papers and correspondence relating thereto are at hand.

X.

REV. F. W. WACKERNAGEL'S RESIGNATION.

Under date of October 11, 1906, the Rev. F. W. Wackernagel in a letter addressed to the President of the Board asked to be recalled because of personal reasons assigned. This letter was presented to the Board and acted on at its special November meeting held on the 22d day of that month, as follows: "Resolved that the Board has heard the letter of the Rev. F. W. Wackernagel with great regret, and, Resolved, that, Brother Wackernagel having at length fitted himself to be of great use to the mission, the Board cannot recall him." The Rev. Mr. Wackernagel thereupon withdrew his request to be recalled. Under date of April 9, 1907, however, the Rev. Mr. Wackernagel writing to the Board's president, tendered his resignation, which was laid before the Board's special meeting held May 16, 1907.

Action on the resignation was postponed and the Rev. Mr. Wackernagel was requested meanwhile to continue to discharge

his former duties. August 20, 1907, a cablegram was received from Dr. Harpster, reading as follows: "Wackernagel withdraws his resignation conditionally." The Board awaits information by letter concerning the conditions of the withdrawal of the resignation. The correspondence on this item is at hand if desired.

XI.

THE REV. J. H. HARPSTER'S RELATION TO THE BOARD AND THE MISSION.

The Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D., who in 1902 went out und special arrangements with the General Synod's Board of Foreign Missions, which at the request of our Board were indefinitely continued after the expiration of the three years' contract, dissolved his relation with the Maryland Synod and was received by the Pennsylvania Ministerium at its meeting in Philadelphia, June 1906. It was agreed that though his Synodical relation had changed the details of the original contract remained unchanged He, therefore, will be entitled to furlough in 1908.

In a cablegram dated Kotagiri, July 2, 1907, he informed the Board as follows: "Broke thigh. Will the Board authorize my return?" The Board answered by cable the same day in code ciphers, as follows: "Is return imperative? Consider with great care. Act according to your own discretion. You have our hearty sympathy and prayers. Am sending full particulars by mail." These particulars referred to the continuance of the work and building operations in charge of Dr. Harpster in the event of his return to America.

In the letter of instructions referred to, Dr. Harpster was requested to cable, as soon as he had reached a decision, whether he would return or remain in India. On August 3, 1907, he replied by cable from Rajahmundry saying that he would remain. It appears that the mending of the break of the femur of the left leg, sustained while riding a bicycle on a steep and narrow mountain road near Kotagiri, progressed rapidly enough to permit Dr. Harpster's return to Rajahmundry about August 1st, and that, on reaching his home at Riverdale in a more favorable state of recovery than he had anticipated, he decided to remain at his post of duty.

When Dr. Harpster was sent to reorganize the Mission under the Rules and Regulations, adopted by the General Council at Norristown, Pa., in 1903, he was made "temporary director" of the Mission. In the Board's report to the Norristown meeting of the General Council, it was stated that "whatever temporary authority of an extraordinary character was committed to Dr. Harpster, he was intended to prepare the way for reconstructing the entire administration in accordance with the revised rules." Dr. Harpster has requested that the relation which he sustained to the Mission as director be terminated. To this request the Board has replied as follows: "Resolved, that with a sense of the important service which Dr. Harpster has rendered as the special agent of the Board, the Board accepts his resignation as the temporary director, devoutly thankful that in spite of his serious accident he is still able to discharge his duties as chairman of the Executive Committee."

XII.

THE FORM OF CONTRACT WITH MISSIONARIES.

In its report at the Milwaukee meeting of the General Council in 1905 the Board included a form of contract with missionaries, which was adopted. The contract is intended to protect the Board in a legal manner against the unjust claims of any missionary for debts contracted on the field without the written consent and authority of the Board and against the claim for the payment of the expenses of the return passage in case a missionary fails to return immediately after the termination of the contract. Disagreeable experiences of the past led the Board to the formation of such a contract, and while it is evident that in most cases the legal severity of the contract need in no wise disturb the amicable relation of a missionary to the Board, the Board desired the protection of such a contract should a repetition of past experiences concerning debts and claims occur.

With regard to this contract the Mission Council assembled in Rajahmundry in July, 1907, passed the following resolutions:

"Whereas, It is the mind of the Mission Council that mutual confidence and fair treatment are the most effective means of a harmonious co-operation between a Mission Board and its missionaries, and

"Whereas, The contract which our Mission Board now demands new missionaries to sign does not in the mind of the Mission Council do justice towards the missionary but regards him with suspicion and arouses antagonism, be it

"Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America be resectfully petitioned to recommend to the General Council at its meeting in September next in Buffalo, the canceling or power to cancel such contracts and also the authority be given the Board to draw up a form of contract more in harmony with the principles of brotherly love and mutual confidence, if, at all, the Board deems such a contract a necessity."

With reference to these resolutions the Board has requested the Mission Council to suggest the desired changes which will be carefully considered.

XIII.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. *The Executive Committee in India.*

The following resolutions passed at the January, 1907, meeting of the Mission Council and presented to the Board at its meeting in July, 1907, are submitted in full:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS REGARDING THE ABOLITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of a Missionary Council resolution "that a committee with Rev. Arps as a representative of the Executive Committee and two members of the Council be appointed to draw up resolutions representing to the Board why the Executive Committee should be abolished and report tomorrow at the afternoon session"; and since Rev. Wolters and Wackernagel together with Rev. Arps were appointed a committee so to do (in Council's minutes, 8-1-'07 a. m. session), the said Committee begs to submit to the Missionary Council for action its several resolutions hereinafter stated.

1. Whereas, the Executive Committee, saving its chairman, being a committee elected by the Missionary Council and therefore amenable to the Missionary Council, is as a creature greater than its creator, acting independently and more often without the knowledge of the Missionary Council and contrary to its mind and will; and

2. WHEREAS, the form of government necessarily obtaining in our mission by reason of the Executive Committee, is not in consonance with that form of government prevalent in the American Lutheran Church where all are equal, and where the governing are amenable to the governed; and

3. WHEREAS, by reason of the Executive Committee there is existing not only in the opinion of the Missionary Council, but much more in the mind of the Board, a manifest inequality among the members of our mission, extraordinary power and authority in mission affairs being vested in the Executive Committee, thus creating a condition thoroughly repugnant to the Missionary Council, a condition which deprives the members of the Missionary Council, and as such, of the American Lutheran Church, General Council, of the inalienable right to know and to vote upon every matter concerning the mission and the Church at large; and

4. WHEREAS, the continuance of the Executive Committee, unessential at present to the administration of our mission, whose members are few, will not make for peace and unanimity in and efficiency of, the work to the glory of God and His Christ; on the other hand engendering conflict in prerogatives of the Missionary Council and the Executive Committee, misunderstandings, ill feeling, distrust, suspicion as to sincerity, discord and the like, and

5. WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has duties so numerous devolving upon it, as to put their fulfillment beyond its capacity, even though willing to act; and

6. WHEREAS, among all mission societies, European and American, in India, our mission is the only one practically governed by and subject to, such a committee; and

7. WHEREAS, it is the unanimous opinion both of the Missionary Council and of the Executive Committee, that the Executive Committee is not essential to the harmony and progress of our mission; be it therefore

8. *Resolved,* That the Missionaries in council assembled respectfully and earnestly recommend to the Board of Foreign Missions, American Evangelical Lutheran Church, General Council, that the Executive Committee be abolished, and be it

9. *Resolved,* That this recommendation of the Missionary Council be forwarded to the Board by the officers of the Missionary Council without further remark or comment; and be it

10. *Resolved,* That the missionaries in council assembled respectfully request the Board to vest the Missionary Council with the power and authority now vested in the Executive Committee; and be it

11. *Resolved,* That in addition to electing its President and Recording Secretary, the Missionary Council be vested with power to elect a Corresponding Secretary, who shall by and with the consent of the Missionary Council, carry on all correspondence with the Board, duly attested by the officers of the Missionary Council; and be it

12. *Resolved,* That before forwarding his communications to the Board, the Corresponding Secretary submit in writing to each and every member of the Missionary Council, a copy of the same; and be it finally

13. *Resolved,* That the officers of the Missionary Council, augmented by a non-office holding member elected annually with the officers of the Missionary Council act for the Missionary Council in the interims between its quarterly meetings and report immediately by circular letter to the members of the Missionary Council all acts performed or about to be performed in the interims between the quarterly meetings of the Missionary Council for approval or disapproval as the case may be.

F. W. WACKERNAGEL,
RUDOLF ARPS,
KARL L. WOLTERS,
Committee.

Rajahmundry, Jan. 10, 1907.

All were adopted.

Dr. Harpster desires his vote recorded against items 1, 3, 4, 5 and 9.

H. E. ISAACSON, *Pres. Council.*
E. H. TRAFFORD, *Secretary.*

To this paper the Board appends the following: "The present arrangement is in accord with the rules made by the General Council; the statements under No. 1 (the Executive Committee is a creature of the Mission Council), No. 3, No. 4, No. 5 and No. 6 of the paper rest upon errors; that whilst the constitution of the Executive Committee might be modified in some particulars, this Board cannot approve of granting entire autonomy to the mission."

The following amendment to Rule 35 is proposed: After the word "chairman" in the first sentence insert the words "biennially upon its organization after the meeting of the General Council"; after the word "field," at the end of the first sentence, insert the words, "biennially at the first meeting of the Mission Council thereafter." Furthermore insert the sentence: "The number of members on the Executive Committee shall consist of not less than three ordained missionaries." Thereafter, from the words "The Zenana sisters also," etc., the rule remains in tact. Under rule No. 113 the following amendment is proposed: Instead of the word "Council" insert the words "Executive Committee." Under rule 114 the following amendment is proposed: Strike out the entire rule.

2. *Medical Rules.*

At the suggestion of Dr. Lydia Woerner in conference with the Board in December, 1906, a committee was appointed to draft rules and regulations for the medical work. The rules were prepared, presented to the Board and submitted to Dr. Woerner for suggestions and amendments, if necessary. In a conference with the medical rules committee Dr. Woerner took exception to each and every rule proposed, and the Board herewith submits the report of its committee in full with the request that the General Council formulate rules to govern medical work in India, the ones here presented being recommended as a basis for consideration:

RULES GOVERNING MEDICAL MISSION WORK.

1. Medical missionaries should remember that they are sent out primarily as spiritual workers and should not allow the professional side of their duties to encroach unduly upon the spiritual. It is of the utmost importance that the medical work shall help to the fullest extent the general work of the mission.

2. Medical missionaries shall be assigned to stations or work under the general rules by the Board.

3. Arrangements for preaching the Gospel in the Hospital among the out-patients or in-patients, or for daily devotional exercises, pastoral visitation or Sunday-schools are to be made by the medical missionary in consultation with the district missionary and with his approval.

4. Co-operation between the medical and the Zenana work is essential.

5. The opening of dispensaries or any extension of the medical work must have the Board's approval.

6. With regard to the relation of the medical missionary to the nurses appointed to work in the mission, the Board feels that with respect to the professional work, the ordinary relations of doctor and nurse must exist; but that whilst the responsibility for the evangelistic work rests with the doctor, yet the nurse, as also a spiritual worker, should be consulted with regard to any plans or rules which may effect her more directly spiritual work.

7. Medical missionaries are, also, to be regarded as the physicians of the missionaries and their families, and if within reach to prescribe, are to render service to them without charge.

8. The receipts of medical missionaries for service or for medicine—after deducting cost of medicines, incidental expenses, and those attending professional visits to missionaries—are to be paid to the mission treasury for the General Fund.

9. Fees for medical service or medicine for natives shall be charged according to the discretion of the medical missionaries.

10. With regard to the arrangement of the several departments of medical work—the supervision of the hospital, the dispensary and the outpatients—where there are two or more medical missionaries at a station, preference may be given according to the length of actual service in the mission, or there may be an adjustment by agreement between the medical missionaries concerned, subject to the approval of the Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

In conclusion the Board would recommend:

(1) That our people be urged to support the work of our foreign missions more liberally as that work expands and that every one in our congregations be given opportunity to contribute for its support.

(2) That the prayers of the Church be unceasingly addressed to our Lord to prosper and bless our efforts to preach His Gospel and establish His Church in our foreign mission field.

(3) That the German and English organs of the Board, the "Missionsbote" and "The Foreign Missionary," be commended to our congregations, their societies and Sunday-schools, as mediums of mission information and inspiration, and that they be encouraged, also, to purchase and use our mission literature, wall-map, etc.

(4) That the Board be given authority to revise the salaries to be paid our woman missionaries.

(5) That opportunity be afforded our General Secretary at conventions, meetings and public divine services to present the claims of our mission.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

September 1, 1905, to August 31, 1907.

DR.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows:

To balance in hand August 31, 1905, General Fund	$ 8,775 42	
Woman's Hospital Fund	2,023 78	
		$10,799 20
To cash received as acknowledged in "Missionsbote" and "Foreign Missionary," from the following:		
Augustana Synod	$20,239 15	

Ministerium of Pennsylvania	18,180 55	
Pittsburgh Synod	6,365 46	
Synod of New York and New England	3,873 57	
New York Ministerium	3,832 54	
Canada Synod	1,747 58	
English Synod of the Northwest	991 46	
Iowa Synod	958 40	
Chicago Synod	935 54	
District Synod of Ohio	779 55	
Nova Scotia Synod	261 84	
Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest	200 00	
Pacific Synod	127 80	
Rev. H. Grahn, Bus. Mgr., "Missionsbote," contributions received	1,392 74	
Sundry Donors	13,708 84	
		$73,595 02
To cash, Wm. H. Staake, Treas. General Council, sundry accts.		661 99
To cash, Rev. H. Grahn, "Missionsbote" account		400 00
To cash, interest on deposit		327 11
		$85,783 32

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The Treasurer claims credit for the following disbursements:

Treasury in India by drafts to the order of the Chairman of the Executive Committee:		
General expenses to Dec. 31, 1907	$22,540 68	
Peddapur High School	100 00	
Heavy furniture for three missionaries	250 00	
Rent of bungalow at Samulkot for Revs. Eckardt and Larson	260 00	
Emergency fund	2,250 00	
Salary, Superintendent Building Operations	250 00	
Superintendent's rent	30 00	
Subscription to "Christian Patriot"	4 00	
Buildings of Peddapur School	1,000 00	
New Hall, Peddapur High School	276 66	
Munshi fees, taxes, traveling allowance	744 65	
To reimburse missionaries for expenses to "Hills" (1905)	125 00	
To reimburse emergency fund for property purchased	116 66	
Building fund, Boys' Central School	9,500 00	
Expenses to "Hills" (1906 and 1907)	600 00	
For deficit in school fund	233 33	
Gift of W. P. M. Braun, for type, etc.	300 00	
To replace remittance of $2666.67 reported by cable to be lost through failure of Arbuthnot & Co.	2,666 67	

For emergency fund, acct. failure of Arbuthnot & Co..	333 33	
Amt. sent by cable for emergency purposes account failure of Arbuthnot & Co.	1,000 00	
Contribution to Kodaikanal Church	100 00	
Repairs to bungalow at Tallapudi	270 00	
Completion of well at Boys' Central School	166 00	
To restore Rampa Hills fund	150 00	
To restore Widows' fund	87 00	
Joint publication	150 00	
Jagampetta School site	40 00	
		$43,543 98
Board of Foreign Missions, General Synod—Salary of Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D., to Sept. 30, 1906...	$1,125 00	
Horse allowance, Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D.	60 00	
		$ 1,185 00
Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D., Salary to Dec. 31, 1907..	$1,875 00	
Horse allowance, Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D.	100 00	
Traveling expenses to America (if needed)	800 00	
		$ 2,775 00
Rev. E. Neudoerffer:		
Salary to Dec. 31, 1907	$1,600 00	
Horse allowance to March 31, 1906	20 00	
Gift from St. Paul's, Normandy	5 50	
Christmas present from friends in Canada	48 00	
		$ 1,673 50
Rev. R. Arps:		
Salary to Dec. 31, 1907	$2,375 00	
Children's allowance to December 31, 1907	400 00	
Horse allowance to Dec. 31, 1907	160 00	
Expense of constructing outhouse of bungalow at Dowlaishwaram	60 00	
To restore loss (contributed by friends)	112 00	
		$ 3,107 00
Rev. H. E. Isaacson:		
Salary to Dec. 31, 1907	$2,400 00	
Children's allowance to Dec. 31, 1907	850 00	
Horse allowance to Dec. 31, 1907	160 00	
Purchase of tent	70 00	
Contribution of Students' Society, Augustana College, to replace loss of fund for tent	70 00	
		$ 3,550 00
Rev. F. W. Wackernagel:		
Salary to December 31, 1907		1,400 00
Rev. E. H. Trafford:		
Salary to December 31, 1907		1,400 00

Rev. K. L. Wolters:		
Salary to December 31, 1907		1,300 00
Rev. O. L. Larson:		
Salary to Dec. 31, 1907	$1,769 28	
Passage money to India, self and wife	514 00	
Additional outfit	50 00	
Refund of freight	22 38	
		$ 2,355 66
Rev. O. O. Eckardt:		
Salary to Dec. 31, 1907	$1,669 28	
Passage money to India, self and wife	514 00	
Additional outfit	50 00	
Refund on freight	17 75	
Refund of insurance premium	23 14	
		$ 2,274 17
Dr. Lydia Woerner:		
Salary to Aug. 31, 1907	$692 72	
Hospital allowance to March 31, 1906	125 00	
Passage money to America	300 00	
Mileage book	20 00	
		$ 1,137 72
Miss E. L. Weiskotten:		
Salary to Aug. 31, 1907	$817 72	
Reimbursement of expenses on building of school from contributions in Treasury	50 00	
Passage money return to America	300 00	
Mileage book	20 00	
Expenses western trip	30 00	
		$ 1,217 72
Dr. Julia Van der Veer:		
Salary to Dec. 31, 1907	$1,051 08	
Passage money to Bombay and expenses	304 00	
Hospital allowance to Dec. 31, 1907	750 00	
		$ 2,105 08
Miss Agnes Schade:		
Salary to Dec. 31, 1907	$1,200 00	
Reimbursement for deficit	36 00	
Reimbursement for extra expense acct. cholera in school	82 71	
For tombstone of scholar supported by Milwaukee Deaconesses	2 00	
		$ 1,320 71
Miss H. Wahlburg:		
Salary to Dec. 31, 1907	$1,000 00	
Ricksha man	6 00	
		$ 1,006 00

Miss Charlotte Swenson:		
Salary to December 31, 1907	$1,000 00	
Gift from New Holland Church	13 50	
Gift of friends to replace loss	128 00	
		$ 1,141 50
Miss Amy B. Rohrer: Outfit		100 00
Rev. H. C. Schmidt, D.D.:		
Annuity to Dec. 31, 1907		600 00
F. J. McCready, Supt. of Central High School Bldg.:		
Salary to Dec. 31, 1907	$1,750 00	
Rent to Dec. 31, 1907	210 00	
		$ 1,960 00
Rev. Geo. Drach:		
Salary to Sept. 30, 1907	$3,175 00	
Expense account	414 40	
Cable to India	6 93	
		$ 3,596 33
Board of Publication:		
Services on "Foreign Missionary"	$100 00	
500 Swedish envelopes	7 50	
Postage	8 60	
1000 German envelopes	2 50	
Advance reports and cuts	85 89	
Printing envelopes, etc.	249 88	
Freight on press to India	59 14	
Printing and mailing 8000 reports, envelopes, letter heads, binding blank books, etc.	717 28	
Half tones for booklet	50 00	
Picture charts	28 85	
Stationery and pamphlets	413 57	
Miscellaneous supplies	112 76	
		$ 1,835 97
Edward Stern & Co., inserts and postage		123 68
Rev. A. S. Fichthorn, expenses to Dist. Synod of Ohio		24 65
Rev. A. K. Schultz, back numbers of "Missionsbote"		4 35
Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D.:		
Photographer's bill for pictures for use of mission papers	$4 00	
Money advanced acct. expenses Revs. Larson and Eckhardt	20 50	
		24 50
Rev. G. Nelsenius, Expenses attending board meetings		13 00
Rev. John A. Weyl, expenses attending board meetings		23 75
Rev. E. T. Horn, D.D.:		
Expenses attending Board meetings		24 25
Attendance acct. committee work at Allentown		1 50

Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., President's expenses		35 00
P. A. Rydberg, Ph.D., expenses attending Board meetings		20 50
Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D., editorial expenses "Foreign Missionary"		10 00
Rev. R. Bielinski:		
Editorial expenses "Missionsbote"	$20 00	
Expenses to Canada Synod (1906-1907)	65 00	
		85 00
Postage		28 75
Mrs. Laura H. Jacobs, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc., Min. of of Penna., contribution sent to treasurer by error		23 00
Foreign Missionary Library, New York, Reports of Foreign Mission Conference		3 40
H. H. Shomo, Agent, premium on treasurer's bond		18 00
Craig, Finley & Co., 1000 maps		160 00
J. Victor Grim, typewriting, etc.		30 00
B. F. Owen, book of vouchers		9 85
Western Union Telegraph Co., cost of cabling $1000 to India		31 50
H. Y. Yost, agent, premium on treasurer's bond		15 00
O. K. Addressing Co., stenographic work		6 00
Mrs. C. J. Hirzel, carriage hire for Miss Weiskotten		3 00
Rev. F. Holter, amt. received from Iowa Synod for B. Lazerius.		2 50
Rev. M. J. Kline, Sec'y Gen'l Synod, contributions sent from Brooklyn for Gen'l Synod's Board of Foreign Missions		25 00
Balance in hand August 31, 1907		
General Fund	$1,946 43	
Woman's Hospital Fund	2,505 37	
		$ 4,451 80
		$85,783 32

PHILIP S. ZIEBER, *Treasurer.*

Reading, Pa., August 31, 1907.

We have examined the Treasurer's account, covering the period from September 1, 1905, to August 31, 1907, and find the same to be correct.

W. FRED MONROE,
JAS. M. SNYDER,
Auditing Committee.

APPENDIX

A. Board of Foreign Missions.

1. MEMBERSHIP.

	First Entered Board.	Term Expires.
The Rev. Wm. A. Schaeffer, D.D.	1879, 1882	1907
The Rev. Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D.	1901	1907
The Rev. A. S. Fichthorn	1905	1907
The Rev. J. A. Weyl	1904	1907
The Rev. Gustaf Nelsenius, D.D.	1893, 1905	1907
Philip S. Zieber, Esq.	1901	1907
Chas. B. Opp	1900, 1904	1907
Conrad Itter	1897	1907
The Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D.	1888	1909
The Rev. E. T. Horn, D.D.	1901	1909
The Rev. R. Bielinski	1901	1909
The Rev. C. E. Slaett	1901	1909
William F. Monroe	1891, 1902	1909
Samuel G. Seiple, M.D.	1901	1909
James M. Snyder	1901	1909
P. A. Rydberg, Ph.D.	1903	1909

2. OFFICERS.

President, Rev. Henry E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D.
English Recording Secretary, James M. Snyder.
German Recording Secretary, Conrad Itter.
General Secretary, Rev. George Drach.
Treasurer, Philip S. Zieber, Esq.

3. STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance: Messrs. Zieber, Horn, Monroe, Snyder.
Schools: Messrs. Horn, Weyl, Fichthorn, Rydberg.
Literature: Messrs. Bielinski, Sibole, Nelsenius, Opp.
Nominations: Messrs. Schaeffer, Horn, Bielinski, Slaett.
Property: Messrs. Monroe, Schaeffer, Seiple, Itter.
Women's Work: Sibole, Nelsenius, Weyl.
Field Work: Weyl, Nelsenius, Rydberg.
Executive: Officers.
The president is *ex-officio* a member of all committees.

B. Missionaries.

1. MISSION STAFF.

	First sent to India.	Entered our Service	Last in America
Rev. R. Arps	1893	1893	1901
Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D.	1872	1901	1902

	First sent to India.	Entered our Service	Last in America
Rev. H. E. Isaacson	1893	1893	1904
Rev. Ernest Neudoerffer	1900	1900	1900
Rev. E. H. Trafford	1903	1903	1903
Rev. F. W. Wackernagel	1902	1902	1902
Rev. K. L. Wolters	1904	1904	1904
Rev. Oscar L. Larson	1905	1905	1905
Rev. O. O. Eckardt	1905	1905	1905
Miss Susan E. Monroe	1902	1902	1902
Miss Agnes I. Schade	1890	1890	1901
Miss Charlotte Swenson	1895	1895	1905
Miss Hedwig Wahlberg	1902	1902	1902
Miss E. L. Weiskotten	1900	1900	1907
Miss Lydia Woerner, M.D.	1899	1899	1907
Julia Van der Veer Neudoerffer, M.D.	1905	1905	1905

Executive Committee: Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D., Chairman; R. Arps, H. E. Isaacson, and Miss Agnes I. Schade, Zenana Sisters' representative.

Treasurer: Rev F. W. Wackernagel.

Under Appointment: Miss Amy B. Rohrer, M.D., Medical Missionary.

2. FORMER MISSIONARIES.

	Entered Our Service.	Left Our Service.
The Rev. J F. C. Heyer, M.D.	1869	1871
The Rev. C. F. J. Becker	1870	*1870
The Rev. H. C. Schmidt, D.D.	1870	Pensioned
The Rev. I. K. Paulsen	1871	1888
The Rev. A. B. Carlson	1879	*1882
The Rev. H. G. B. Artman	1880	*1884
The Rev. F. S. Dietrich	1883	*1889
The Rev. F. J. McCready	1884	1899
The Rev. Wm. Groenning	1885	*1889
The Rev. E. Pohl	1889, 1893,	1892, 1897
The Rev. E. Edman	1890, 1901	1896, 1903
The Rev. C. F. Kuder	1891	1900
The Rev. P. Baehnish	1893	1896
The Rev. E. H. Mueller	1896	1899
The Rev. P. Holler	1897	1901
The Rev. G. B. Matthews	1900	1901
The Rev. A. S. Fichthorn	1902	1904
Miss Kate Sadtler	1890	1902
Miss M Strempfer	1900	1902
Miss Dagmar Schmidt	1898	1898

* Indicates died in our service.

3. NATIVE ORDAINED PASTORS.

T. Joseph	Ordained 1878	Died 1899
N. Paulus	" 1878	Died 1897

J. William	Ordained	1899	Still serving
C. James	"	1900	Under suspension
P. V. Ratnam	"	1902	Still serving

C. Statistics.

..	1870	1880	1890	1900	1906
Membership	160	335	3056	6159	13513
Communicants	70	216	978	3000	7036
Missionaries	2	4	4	5	16
Native Workers	9	16	90	142	314
Pupils in Schools	138	440	1473	3500	5736

PART II.

Report of the American Evangelical Lutheran Mission in the Godaveri and Kistna Districts, India, for the Bi-ennium 1905-06.

MISSIONARIES AND THEIR WORK.

NAME.	WORK.	RESIDENCE.
Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D....	Bhimavaram, Narsapur, Rajahmundry Town, Book Depot, Mission Press, Chairman Executive Committee	Rajahmundry.
Mrs. J. H. Harpster.....	Supt. Lace Work.....	Rajahmundry.
Rev. Rudolph Arps, B.D.....	Dowlaishwaram Station, Ramachendrapuram and Amalapur	Dowlaishwaram.
Mrs. Rudolph Arps.....		Dowlaishwaram.
Rev. H. E. Isaacson, B.D.....	Samulkot Station	Samulkot.
Mrs. H. E. Isaacson.....		Samulkot.
Rev. E. Neudoerffer, M.A....	Tadepalligudem and Tallapudi Stations	Tadepalligudem.
Miss Agnes I. Schade.....	Girls' Central School, Training School for Teachers	Rajahmundry.
Rev. F. W. Wackernagel, M.A..	Boys' Central School, Rajahmundry High School, Mission Treasurer	Rajahmundry.
Miss Lydia Woerner, M.D....	Woman's Hospital and Dispensary	Rajahmundry.
Miss Emilie L. Weiskotten....	Hindu Girls' Schools....	Rajahmundry.
Miss Charlotte Swenson.....	Bible Women's Work, Rajahmundry and Dowlaishwaram	Rajahmundry.
Miss Susan E. Monroe.....	Hindu Girls' Schools....	Rajahmundry.
Miss Hedwig Wahlberg.....	Nursing Dep't, Woman's Hospital	Rajahmundry.
Mrs. J. Van der Veer Neudoerffer, M.D.	Woman's Hospital and Dispensary	Rajahmundry.
Rev. Karl L. Wolters, B.D....	Korukonda	Rajahmundry.
Rev. Edw. H. Trafford, M.A..	Yenagudiem Tuluk	Tallapudi.
Rev. O. O. Eckardt.....	Mrs. O. O. Eckardt.....	Rajahmundry.
Rev. Oscar L. Larson.....	Mrs. O. L. Larson.....	Rajahmundry.

GENERAL REVIEW OF THE BIENNIUM.

The period of mission work and experience under review does not differ in essential features from previous ones; which should be thought to prove, it seems to us, not a lack of progress, but rather the wisdom of the methods in operation in the mission and of the policy which they represent. The natural inference to be drawn from radical changes is that something was radically wrong and needed changing. We have, in the main, gone forward along the line of the settled policy of the mission, persuaded that along that line, at least for the present, lie the best interests of the mission.

An extraneous thing that had a serious influence upon mission work was the virulent and prolonged epidemic of cholera which prevailed all over our field during a greater part of 1906. For months mission work among the villages was practically paralyzed—"men's hearts everywhere failing them for fear." Thousands perished. Intercourse between villages was prohibited and ceased. Mission agents were not allowed to visit neighboring villages under penalty of not being permitted to return to their homes—in the fear that they might bring the contagion with them.

The epidemic broke out in the Girls' Central School. Four or five died; the school was closed and the girls were sent home for a number of weeks.

Under these circumstances little aggressive mission work could be done for a number of months. In the Yenigudiem and the northern part of the Rajahmundry taluks, on account of insufficient rainfall, there was, in many places, much suffering among the poorer classes for want of food. This continues up to the present. This condition of things has not been favorable to mission work.

PERSONNEL.

During the biennium the mission staff was increased by five members. In November, 1905, Miss Julia Van der Veer, M.D., arrived and at once took up the study of the vernacular, at the same time rendering such assistance in the Hospital and Dispensary as her studies permitted. In January, 1906, Rev. O. L. and Mrs. Larson and Rev. O. O. and Mrs. Eckardt joined us. This was indeed a very welcome and substantial addition to our force. Early in 1906 Miss Weiskotten and Miss Woerner left us

to return to America on a well earned furlough. Fortunately we were able to provide against any detriment to their work during their absence by placing it in charge of Miss Monroe and Dr. Van der Veer.

Two events of very genuine interest to all the missionaries occurred in the period under review. The first was the marriage of Rev. E. Neudoerffer and Miss Julia Van der Veer, M.D.; the second the advent of a little daughter in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Larson. Events like these give zest and interest in the sphere of social and domestic life at home; how much more in our little circle in India, can be readily understood. Such occurrences are with us, in our exile, very much like family matters, in which all have a sort of proprietary interest.

In the beginning of this year Rev. Wolters was placed in charge of the Korukonda field, and Rev. Trafford of Tallapudi. This arrangement is of vital interest to these two important fields. The brethren have entered with enthusiasm upon their work. The result is already apparent; and, we are sure, will be more and more so as the brethren get the work in hand.

THE BOYS' CENTRAL SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The main building and the dormitory are completed. There are no finer or more commodious educational buildings in the northern part of the Madras Presidency. The superintending missionary's bungalow is well on the way, and, if funds are sent, will be completed in a few months. When done, we shall be in possession of an educational plant of which few missions can boast. It has been a long and weary work. Building in India is fraught with difficulties of which people in America can scarcely conceive, though it were told them. Fifty men must be employed to do a day's work which ten would do in America. To be sure, things will not appear so unequal when the fact is stated that fifty workmen in India do not receive as much pay as ten do in America. Mr. McCready, the superintendent of construction, has been untiring in his work; and the noble buildings will soon stand complete. In January the school will be reopened in them, and our central educational work will enter upon a new epoch.

BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL.

One of the imperative needs of the mission is a Bible Training

School for native workers. That our native fellow helpers are not sufficiently trained in knowledge of Bible truth is a fact which we all admit and deplore. In the very nature of things, the work of evangelization must devolve upon men of the soil. If India is ever to be evangelized, it must be by Indians. The man who does not recognize that fact lacks prescience. That mission only can be regarded as really successful, that succeeds in raising up a class of native evangelists, educated, spiritually minded and trained and grounded in the Word of God. This, we must sorrowfully admit, we have thus far, only to a limited extent, been able to accomplish. The Board's decision to set aside a missionary, with a native colleague, to establish and carry on a Bible Training School is in the highest interests of our mission work. It is hoped that we shall be able to organize the class simultaneously with the removal of the Boys' Central School to its new location.

PROGRESS.

We have now, by God's grace, a Christian community of over 15,000 souls scattered in more than 400 villages. Of these over 13,500 are baptized members, and more than 7000 are communicants. The accessions to the Church of Christ, during the period under review, was 1857; of which 1732 were by baptism. The number of pupils in our schools under Christian instruction has increased from 5227 to 5736. The cholera epidemic decimated our schools greatly. The number of communicants has risen from 5836 to over 7000. This latter fact we regard as the most encouraging feature of our work.

SELF-SUPPORT.

It is but a choice few of our people that have learned the divine secret of the Master's words: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The crowning error in the beginning of Indian missions, an error which all missionaries who have come to grasp the problems of foreign missions now deplore and mourn over, is the practical pauperizing of the Indian Church by carrying on the work almost entirely with foreign money instead of teaching the native church to carry on the work at its own cost. Under this deplorable mission system the converts were taught to expect everything for nothing. Many of our congregations, even

the oldest, still hold this idea. They cry out against the revolutionary demand that they shall contribute now toward what they formerly received for nothing. For many years the converts gave practically nothing for the support of their churches. We are trying to correct this mistake. It is wearisome work, though, to get the people to see their duty in this respect; but we are, to some extent, succeeding. Our persistent demand that the people shall do their share in the erection of their prayer and school buildings is now generally, and with more or less grace, looked upon as a demand that must be accepted. Some congregations are erecting church and school buildings at great cost to themselves. The cash contribution for benevolence, outside of the local expenses of their own churches, during the biennium, is Rupees 4139. The total amount raised in India for the support of the work, including local contributions toward the erection and repair of the more than 200 prayer and school houses in the mission, together with government results-grants, amounts to the handsome sum of Rupees 27,702, or upwards of $9,200. That the amount of pure benevolence included in this represents the ability of the people to give, we, by no means, assert. It does not. It shows, however, that our Christian people are beginning, at last, to see with more or less clearness, and to acknowledge with more or less grace, their duty to give for good and noble purposes. We believe the next ten years will show great progress in this respect.

FAILURE OF ARBUTHNOT & CO.

A financial disaster that came upon the mission like a bolt out of the blue was the failure of the banking house of Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. For upward of forty years the mission had been depositing its funds with this firm. The firm had back of it a record of 106 years of honorable business. At the end of a century and more this honored house of Arbuthnot, under the criminal manipulation of a dishonored scion, became the greatest confidence game of modern times. It has been designated as one of the most gigantic insolvency cases ever known in the world. Eight thousand creditors went down in the crash, many of them reduced to absolute poverty. The mission, together with the missionaries, lost upward of twenty thousand dollars. Several of the missionaries lost every cent they had in the world. There is little

hope of realizing five cents on the dollar. Sir George Arbuthnot is in the penitentiary awaiting trial for his crimes.

NEW PROJECTS.

One of the most pressing present needs of the mission is a bungalow and mission station at Bhimavaram. There are now, in this division of our field, over 7500 baptized Christians. It will hardly be credited that the missionaries' residence is at Rajahmundry, fifty miles away! Think of a pastor at home residing fifty miles away from his parish; and that with a congregation with 1200 years of a Christian history back of it, instead of a people who but a few years ago came out of the barest, boldest heathenism! More than one-half of our baptized membership is in the Bhimavaram taluk. The bare mention of these facts, it seems to us, will impress the church at home as a condition of things that must be brought to an end.

The two brethren who have recently joined the staff will, without doubt, pass their final vernacular examination next November, when one of them will likely be assigned to the Bhimavaram district. Twelve acres of land, largely covered with cocoanut and other palms, have been secured at a cost of 2000 rupees, as a site for the new station. A substantial stone church building, capable of holding 500 needs only a little in the way of the completion of the interior. There are within a radius of five miles of this center 26 congregations, some with 200 of a membership, none with less than 25. About 2000 rupees are in hand toward the erection of the new station, and 2000 more can be raised in India. Is there not some friend of foreign missions, or some organizations, or a number who will join in giving the balance of $2000, still needed for this imperative object?

Another need is the erection of the long contemplated Woman's and Children's Hospital. The site for the Hospital was purchased five years ago, and a considerable amount of money has been raised toward the erection of the buildings by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. Plans and estimates were sent to the Board four years ago. The indications now are that all obstacles will soon be removed and the great and good work taken energetically in hand.

New church buildings at Dowlaishwaram and Samulkot are

needed. By the blessing of God upon human effort, the congregations at both these stations have outgrown the capacity of the church buildings. It seems to us that the Church, at whose behest they are here, could find no better way of recognizing the fidelity of the missionaries at these stations, and of encouraging them to go forward than by erecting for them church buildings; not, to be sure, with noble adornment and costly furnishing, as at home, only plain and even barn-like, if you will, but, at least, large enough to furnish the shade of a roof in this sun-scorched land to those whom they have won from the worship of stocks and stones to the "assembling of themselves together" for the worship of the true God and Jesus Christ, whom He has sent.

Another pressing need is the enlargement of the bungalow of the lady in charge of the Girls' Central School—if a low building of two rooms, of which one serves to sleep in and the other must answer for sitting room, parlor, dining room, study and whatever other purposes in the economy of housekeeping rooms are put to, may be called a bungalow. At least two additional rooms on the ground floor and a second story should be added. This should be done both for the comfort of the superintendent of the school and for the accommodation of another Zenana sister in the same house. Hitherto the superintendent, in consequence of the cramped accommodation, has been compelled to live alone. This should not be so. For mutual companionship, mutual service in times of illness, and mutual sympathy in "that which cometh upon us daily"—which cometh daily here in as real a sense as it came to Paul—there should always be two zenana sisters living together.

Much more might be written, and, perhaps, should be, in the way of this general review of what we have done and hope to do; but what we have written will, we trust, sufficiently interest the reader to induce him to read on for the fuller information given in the body of the report. For the detailed record of our work—its encouragements and discouragements, its triumphs and its defeats, its hopes and fears, its fond anticipations and disappointing results, we refer the reader to the reports of the several missionaries. We can only cherish the hope that this account of our stewardship to those who sent us here will strengthen still further the bonds which bind us together in a common work.

J. H. Harpster.

BHIMAVARAM, NARSAPUR AND RAJAHMUNDRY TALUKS.

The biennium has been a period of peculiar trial to the missionary in more ways than one. With the many duties put upon him because of the undermanned condition of the mission, he had to carry about with him constantly the feeling that he was not doing any of it as it ought to be done. We take it that, to a man who would like to do good work, there can come no greater mental misery than the consciousness that he is not only not doing his work well, but that, try as he may, he cannot do it. As far as lay within us, we have gone from village to village, and often from house to house, catechizing, confirming, baptizing and preaching the Word; reproving, exhorting, rebuking with as much longsuffering and patience as the grace given unto us could command. During the period under review 942 were added to the Church by baptism. There are now 104 congregations in this field. We frequently receive letters from home asking, What kind of Christions are these thousands that you have baptized? We answer in this public way: We do not disguise from ourselves nor from you, that many of these Christians are very imperfect Christians. It is inevitable, that amidst surroundings so deadening to spiritual life, there is and must be a large amount of mere nominal profession, as well as inconsistency and backsliding. It is an easy thing to sit in judgment on the Indian Christian; but it ought to modify the severity of our judgment, if we consider how hard it is for us Christians, with twelve centuries of Christianity behind us, to keep to the higher path. Is it not a fact that we need every aid we can get, constant encouragement, the means of grace, the fellowship of other Christians, the whole machinery of the Church to keep us on the road to heaven? And even, with all these helps, how many fall and make shipwreck of both faith and morals? Remembering this, look at the situation of these people. They have the corruption of centuries of heathenism in their very blood. They live in the midst of heathen surroundings, often with no fellowship, no encouragement, none of the safeguards on which we are more dependent than we think, with everything to hinder and nothing to help. As we travel from village to village and see these things—not infrequently one solitary Christian family living in a heathen town with thousands of inhabitants—our wonder is, not that they do so ill, but that they do so well. And

yet, in spite of it all, there are Christians in all our mission fields as true and exemplary as any in the most godly circles at home. True they are in the minority, just as at home. The external progress of Christianity, as estimated by the number of converts and adherents, should not be underestimated, but the glad recognition thereof should be accompanied by a discriminating perception of its inevitable shortcoming.

The prospect is, as already intimated, that after a quarter of a century of work in Bhimavaram, and thousands upon thousands of converts, they will at last have a missionary who will make his home among them—the pastor and shepherd of the flock. When that takes place, Bhimavaram will take on new life.

VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

There are 74 schools in the Bhimavaram field. This is 17 schools less than at last report; though in numerical growth there are only 36 less pupils. Some of the schools abolished were so poor and inefficient that there was clearly no use of continuing them; others were disorganized by the virulent epidemic of cholera and have not been reopened. On the whole the results have been encouraging. The results-grants have greatly increased. Education among these low castes from which we draw, by far, the larger number of our pupils is slow and painful work. But we are succeeding. Under Brahman influence Hinduism has for ages thrust them back from the threshold of education, but Christian missions are lifting them up to the level of the proud Brahman himself. We have men in our mission, very few to be sure, but still a few, clean, well dressed, of good manners, who have passed the Madras Universities examination with credit, whose fathers were living a few years ago on two dollars a month.

If the mission is not succeeding as well as it would like in making converts worthy of the name, it is instrumental in doing a vast amount of good by the nearly 200 schools which it maintains, wherein nearly 6000 boys and girls are being educated. It is true that all of these boys and girls will not be accessions in the long run to the Christian Church; but if some never leave and others revert to the faith of their fathers, they will, in most cases, be better men, better women, better members of society than they would have been had it not been for the interest the mission has

taken in their behalf. And however poor many of our schools may be, yet there is not a shabby mud-walled and thatch-roofed school house in the mission, that does not make for law, for order, for material and moral progress. And so, in spite of very poor work in given cases, and poor results in many, we foster our schools, for we know that, in the aggregate the results cannot but be very great.

TOURING.

The missionary has been able to put in 127 days in itinerating among the villages. The man who fishes for men, like any other fisherman, must be out early and late. More days should have been spent in the field, but duties at Rajahmundry made it impossible. The great disadvantage under which the missionary in this field must work is, that he must travel a matter of forty miles in order to reach the nearest villages in his territory. Moreover, his residence being on the opposite side of the Godaveri, for several months of the year, when it is in flood, it is almost impossible to get the somewhat unmanageable house boat across the river. Another anomalous feature is that, under the present division of the mission field, the Bhimavaram missionary must cross the entire length of the Tanaku missionary field to get to his own. All this will be remedied when a station is built and occupied by a missionary on the field. The days spent among the villages are days of joy—the joy begotten of conscious usefulness. All forms of mission work, in a greater or less degree, subserve the end of bringing the people to Christ, but mission work, pure and simple, is the preaching of the Gospel. Jesus "went about"; the missionary who makes his work a success is the missionary who goes about. We wish we could record more days of travel, more days of the preaching of the Word.

THE HELPERS.

The increase and development referred to in the foregoing remarks, and to be noted in the statistical table, may be said to be almost entirely due to the work of our native helpers. For the missionary to take this credit to himself would be unfair and dishonest. Our efficiency, whatever it is, is exactly the efficiency of our native helpers. It is true we have these treasures in earthen vessels. It is discouraging often to see the lack of devotion and

mission zeal of some of them; their reluctance to be transferred from one field to another; their unwillingness to take difficult fields of labor; their negligence in Bible study and prayer, and their jealousy of one another. All these things are causes for genuine sorrow. But we must remember the appalling spiritual deadness among which he works, and which, inevitably reacts upon his own spiritual life, the colossal heathenism about him, and the odds against him. If, under these circumstances, deprived of stimulus and of spiritual help of every kind he "grows weary in well doing," slips away from his original principles and becomes largely a time-server, is it so much to be wondered at? Who of us will make the positive claim that, under the same circumstances we would do very much better? Any how, such as they are, God is unquestionably using many of them, we were going to say the poorest of them, either in digging the foundation, or bringing the stones, or laying the walls, or performing the work which only skilled artificers can do, in the erection of His holy temple in India. There is, also, still much for them to learn in the direction of bearing responsibility. The disposition to shirk responsibilty and to run to the missionary on the first approach of trouble is still strong within them. But, for the most part, they are growing, and there is constant evidence that the general moral as well as intellectual character of our native helpers is rising. Always premising the grace and help of God, nothing is wanting to the winning of the heathen to Christ, but a cultured, spiritually-minded, godly native ministry. Comes that, comes the day of triumph.

SELF-SUPPORT.

The contribution for benevolence in the Bhimavaram district during the period under review was Rs. 1616, 5, 0; other cash receipts, mainly results-grants, Rs. 3355, 10, 3; help in the way of building and repairing school and prayer houses, Rs. 1038, 0, 0. This was a great increase over previous years. Indeed we sometimes think the time has come to withdraw all mission help from a number of schools of the stronger congregations, and to throw their entire support upon the people. In a recent visitation we put the matter before a number of congregations and "almost persuaded" them to make the effort. We believe we shall succeed in this. There is a good deal of talk in India today about

self-government and self-propagation. All this is excellent in its way—God speed it—but to talk about this before there is self-support, is about the same thing as to talk of a man walking without legs. But we believe some of our congregations will find their legs before long. When they do that, all good things will follow.

ST. PAUL'S, RAJAHMUNDRY.

The increase in benevolence in this congregation grows steadily from year to year. Its contributions for this purpose during the period for which we report was Rs. 953, 1, 4. The congregation has made extensive repairs to the church building, supported its own local employees, given not illiberally to various good causes outside of its own parish, and has some 300 rupees in its treasury. The congregation has reached a point when it could easily support its own native pastor, and would, we feel sure, be prepared to do so if the man of God were to come forth. Further repairs are being made to the church this year.

THE BRAUN INDUSTRIAL MISSION PRESS.

The capacity of our printing press has been largely increased by the presentation of a large cylinder press, by the well known firm of Hoe & Co., of New York, through the kindly offices of Mr. Jas. G. Finley, of Philadelphia. For the equipment of the press with type and the other necessary material we owe grateful thanks to Mr. William P. M. Braun, of St. Johannes church, Philadelphia, who has given again and again for this purpose. The addition of this large press and outfit has made the establishment a practically new one; and we have, therefore, without asking leave of its benefactor, taken the liberty of somewhat changing the name. After procuring additional type, we may call the press in thorough working order. To set up such a press according to the instruction that accompanied it, by one who had never touched a press in his life, was no small feat, but our good deacon Alexander did it.

Our press has hitherto been a helpful agency in the propagation of the Gospel; through this generous contribution to its effectiveness it will be more so. We are now able to print books and to enlarge the output of Christian literature in every way. Because of the size of the press, we will have to enlarge the size of our building. We believe that the Braun Industrial Lutheran

Mission Press, properly managed, is destined to take a conspicuous part in the spread of the Gospel in the Godaveri and Kistna districts. And this more and more so as the people increase in intelligence, and, consequently in the desire for books and literature of all kinds.

THE BOOK DEPOT.

Under the tactful business management of Mrs. Harpster, who has charge of the depot, it is gradually being pulled out of debt and is enlarging its sphere of business. During 1906, 70 English Scriptures and 422 vernacular Scriptures were sold. Through the contribution of the American Tract Society of $50 per annum, large numbers of tracts, booklets and Christian literature are sold by the colporteurs throughout the district, shedding light into many a dark place.

As a way of removing the old debt, the idea of getting out a series of mission views as post cards, was conceived, and 6500 were printed and sent to America. From this source Rs. 179 have been received and paid on the debt. There are still a considerable number of cards in the hands of Mrs. W. P. M. Braun, of Philadelphia. A new series of cards have been called for and will be issued. By ordering and selling these cards, individuals and societies can help on the good work.

J. H. HARPSTER.

THE SAMALKOT FIELD.

1 Catechist, 7 Evangelists, 18 School Teachers, 2 Bible Women.

The visible result of the work during the biennium, reduced to figures, is as follows: In 1905, 139 were added to the Church by baptism, and in 1906, 169 by baptism and 107 were restored. Total, 415. The cash receipts for the two years have been Rs. 824.8.3, namely, in 1905 Rs. 371.12.2, and in 1906, Rs. 452,12.1. 1906 showed an increase over 1905 of Rs. 80.15.0. When I consider the extreme poverty of the people on this field the results are very gratifying. With much gratitude do I acknowledge the efforts made by Christians and teachers in impressing upon the people the duty of giving.

CONGREGATIONS.

Samalkot is a village of about 18,000 inhabitants. It has a railway station and a large sugar factory under European man-

agement. It is situated eight miles from the bay of Bengal, in a straight line, hence we get a delightful sea breeze for a large part of the year. By rail it is ten miles to Cocanada, a large sea port. Samalkot is the headquarters of our mission operation in this district and the resident place of the missionary in charge. This village has five Pariah hamlets with a population of not less than 4000, from which our Christian community is largely drawn. Judging from the past, only the Pariah is ready to accept the Gospel for the present. I labor every day in these Pariah hamlets when I am not out on tour. Scattered in these five hamlets we have a congregation of 105 members, three day schools, three Sunday-schools and two night schools, with a teaching staff of four teachers. One evangelist and one catechist daily teach and preach in these hamlets when at the station. The catechist and evangelist are on tour in the district fifteen days each month. One Bible woman is also working in Samalkot, teaching the Christian women, as well as working in the heathen homes. This year we had a fearful visitation of cholera in our town and not only here but also throughout our whole field. The people were panic-stricken. They would not come out after dark, whatever might happen to them. After the death of one of their family, they would not open the door until the next morning for fear that the Cholera goddess might enter. Drummers were employed who beat their drums night after night to appease the goddess. Everybody was filled with fear. In every house there was somebody dead or dying of the most fearful disease. The heathen were offering every available chicken, goat and buffalo to appease the wrath of the goddess; but every morning the report showed that she had "swallowed up another ten persons," as the natives put it. The scenes were heartrending. As the relatives stood around their huts or houses, they tore their hair, smote their breasts in despair and in chorus uttered plaintive lamentations in true Oriental fashion. Our Christians gathered three times daily in our chapel to implore the Almighty to stay the disease and to protect His children. Never in the history of this congregation have such earnest and unceasing prayers been offered up to the throne of grace. Three of our Christians and about 400 heathen died in Samalkot. We were impressed with

the fact that the heathen has no hope. It is fearful to be without hope when death approaches.

There has been a steady growth in this congregation, both as to number and Christian knowledge. The members attend the Sunday services in the morning more regularly than ever, and the three Sunday-schools which are held in the afternoon, in different parts of the village, are well attended. The Sunday-schools owe their existence and success to the effort of my wife. Every Sunday afternoon I go to some neighboring village to preach to the Christians, and hence I cannot personally supervise the Sunday-schools.

The cholera kept on raging for about 2 months, and after the cholera was over, there was a movement among the Pariahs towards Christianity. They would listen day after day with great eagerness and attention to the Gospel. We have never had such opportunities to sow the Gospel seed broadcast. The teachers and myself were nearly tired out from constant preaching and teaching. Since the Word of God shall never return in vain, we expect a great harvest in the near future. The indifferent ones became interested in the truth, the backsliders came to worship God with renewed earnestness. This movement revealed, as never before, how much of the old superstitions linger among the Christians and how exceedingly difficult it is to give up old superstitions and old heathen customs. During the year 1905, 19 persons, and during 1906, 22 persons were added to the Church by baptism.

Peddapur Korta is a growing congregation with a membership of 146. The evangelist, K. Moses, in charge of the congregation, is doing good work. During the cholera epidemic, the evangelist and his family had to pass through a fiery trial. In the houses which surrounded the little teacher's house all died of cholera except one old woman. The teacher's own children were attacked by the disease, but he remained at his post, comforting, consoling and helping the dying. His children recovered, to his great joy. Only a few of our Christians died. The Christian community gathered in the little school-house every morning and evening to ask God to be merciful and protect them against the cholera. God heard and answered their prayers. Some heathen families made vows to God that if He would save them from the

plague they would become Christians. God protected them and they are now members of our congregation. The inhabitants of the Pariah hamlet number about 900 persons, and there are good prospects that all will be Christians in a few years.

Pullimari, 2 miles from Korta, with a Christian community of 22 members, had also to pass through the cholera trial, but the result was a different one. In the first place, they were new Christians of one year's standing, and hence not so well rooted in faith and Christian knowledge. In the second place, the teacher who was put in charge of this congregation ran away to his own parents as soon as the cholera broke out. Three Christians died here; and the rest became very cold and indifferent, because the heathen made them believe that the heathen gods had become angry with them, on account of their becoming Christians, and had caused the deaths. It is now very difficult to dissuade them that it was not so. The longer we stay in India the more do we realize the stupendous force of heathenism. It is the greatest miracle that a native Christian's faith is kept alive in the midst of the deadening influence of the community in which he must live and die.

Adatigala, the largest congregation in our hill-region, was also visited by cholera, and sustained a great loss by the death of the teacher, Mittrivadla Luke, who was a godly and painstaking man in his work. First, one of his children died, then on the 14th of October, his wife died, and on the 22d of October, he himself succumbed, leaving two children. In Bhimawaram, 4 miles from Adatigala, he had been toiling for the last 8 years, and in this little village, surrounded by majestic hills on all sides, he was preaching Sunday after Sunday, conducting daily morning and evening prayers and teaching school during the day. He was very successful in his work and was beloved and liked by all for his ability as a leader among his people. It was with much joy that I noticed, on my last tour to the hills, the good work done at Bhimawaram. I, therefore, transferred him from that place to Adatigala to work up that congregation which had been neglected owing to the deficient training of the former teachers. After a five-months' sojourn at Adatigala he died. These two congregations, Adatigala and Bhimawaram, respectively 40 and 44 miles from Samalkot, are in the fever region. I can visit

those regions only in the spring, for during the rainy and cold seasons it is too dangerous on account of fever, and during the hot season the region is a fiery furnace. We still have one evangelist in this region who is quite a good preacher, but has no administrative abilities which are in demand among the hill-people.

Jaddangi is a new congregation which was organized this year in the hill-country. The first convert from this village, which is 16 miles from Adatigala, was baptized in February, 1906, when I was at Adatigala. He had to encounter much opposition and endure much persecution at first, but he bore it all with great fortitude and now we have a congregation of 12 members up there. This first convert is a man of whom I expect a good deal. He has had some schooling and knows how to read and write. He is young and intelligent and with some additional training at our head-station, I hope to make him a useful worker in our vineyard. The hill-people have an independent, liberty-loving spirit. The Church would prosper here if we had real leaders among the natives. Men coming from the plains can neither stand the climate nor can they understand the people in the hills.

TOURING.

There are 50 villages in which there are from one to 150 Christians and we make it a point to see the Christians as often as possible, in order to come into personal contact with them, and to learn their way of feeling and thinking. Our work on tour is manifold. We must comfort the sick and dying, seek the lost and strayed, encourage the despondent, lift the fallen, admonish the careless and indifferent, settle quarrels, preach to the Christian and heathen, examine inquirers and schools, administer baptism to infants and adults and give the holy supper to the communicants. We are glad to bear testimony to the efficiency and earnestness of some of our workers. Some of them have done good work. Some were cowards enough to run away when cholera broke out, leaving the Christians in their hour of peril and distress. Others have engaged in litigation and thereby brought dishonor upon the Christian name before the heathen; but at the same time we must be charitable, when we remember that many of them live in remote villages, almost alone, with the

whole force and power of the low village life against them. For more than 10 years we have had monthly meetings in which we discuss practical phases of mission work with the workers. At these meetings they report about their work during the past month, and through the study of the Word of God, they acquire new strength and courage for the coming month.

INQUIRERS.

On this field most of the inquirers are field servants, working under some farmer, and, hence, we encounter great difficulty in finding them home at the hours when instruction should be given to them. As a rule, people can be found at home early in the morning and late at night; but these field servants only come home for their meals. During some seasons they remain night and day on the fields, therefore the catechist and evangelist must hunt them up in the fields and instruct them there. They are like slaves under their masters. Their condition is hardly better than those of bondservants in the old Roman Empire or of the serfs of Russia.

SELF-SUPPORT.

As long as the poverty of our native Christians remains as it is now, self-support is out of the question; and yet, if the mission agents and the Christians themselves fully realized the great issue which self-support involves in the Christian Church in India, the goal could be reached sooner. We are making some headway in the matter of self-support.

THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Properly conducted, the value of the village school can hardly be overestimated. The hardest thing is to enlist the co-operation of the parents in this work. Having had no education themselves, they cannot understand the value of education. My wife is assisting me greatly in the supervision of the schools. It is admitted that India is the hardest mission field in the world; and hence the missionary often meets with great disappointments. Hopes are raised and crushed again; but on the whole the work is making progress. The time will come when all India will bow before the Lord Jesus Christ. Meanwhile we unceasingly toil on, looking heavenward for help.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Isaacson.

DOWLAISHWARAM DISTRICT.

Our biennial reports do not give room for a detailed account of the various experiences of our daily work in all its branches and phases. This report can, therefore, only give a general outline of the work done during the above mentioned two years. By numbers, of course, we can prove little. The true underlying figures alone are of importance. For us it will be advisable to say with St. Paul: "I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities." If He were to enter into account with us, we, looking upon our many neglected opportunities, would have to pray: "Enter not into judgment with Thy servant." Indeed, we "could not answer Him one of a thousand." I wish I could have spent the last two years entirely for the 2000 Christians of the Dowlaishwaram field, but, alas, a foreign missionary is not a pastor only.

CONGREGATIONAL WORK.

The field has ten circles with 60 congregations, one catechist, 11 evangelists, 42 teachers and one colporteur. Each circle comprises from nine to fifteen villages and is supervised by one evangelist, who is at the same time responsible for the regular preaching of the Gospel and the inspection of the teachers and the school work in his circle. Dowlaishwaram Town has an evangelist of its own. The catechist here supervises the whole field, where the missionary is not able to do it. People usually say, that by the development of the congregational work can be judged the usefulness of foreign mission work. This is wrong. We are not called upon as missionaries to make non-Christians into Christians, but we are here only because Christ orders us to preach the Gospel to the Telugus. In His order lies the root of our unshaken confidence in our work and our increasing enthusiasm. The systematic method of congregational and evangelistic work shows only that the movements of the Holy Ghost are indeed like those of the wind which "bloweth where it listeth and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth." In some places and circles we have been working the last two years in vain, though we thought that we worked very hard and with well qualified agents; in other places and circles again, where it almost appeared necessary to remove the teacher or transfer the evangelist—suddenly light broke in and hearts were moved.

I am glad to report one great and visible improvement and progress all over the Dowlaishwaram District; a much stronger opposition against Christ. The resistance and contempt against the coming of His kingdom has grown enormously. This is satisfactory and a visible sign of advancement. I am rather satisfied that the number of baptisms during the last two years has been 76 only. I am sorry for quite a number of baptisms on my field performed in former years, some of them even by myself. Hasty and unworthy baptisms are a curse to missions, a hindrance to a healthy development of Christ's Church, an obstacle to newcomers and a burden to our successors. How painful, if heathen point to the moral defects of our Christians!

The following congregations are the oldest ones on the field. Between forty and sixty years ago people were already baptized here: Jegurupad, Muramunda, Balabhadrapur, Peravaram, Dulla, Navapetta, Editi, Artamur, Ralli, Gopalpuram, Anaparti. The last one has been given by agreement of our committee to the Baptist mission, only one Christian of ours being left in the village. Ralli has lost all its Christians, baptized by one of our former native pastors.

Jegurupad has today 149 Christians. The old stock of Mala-Christians are partly a hindrance to the growth of the congregation. Mala population being mostly Christians, we have begun work among the Madigas, quite a number of whom have been inquirers for many years and would have been admitted but for the violent objections of the leading Mala Christians. To their disgust the present teacher has brought some families into the congregation. They were baptized on one day. He also took some of them to the Rajahmundry church, to Rev. Neudoerffer's wedding and they were simply confounded with surprise to find Brahmans, Sudras, Malas and Christians all sitting mingled together on the same benches, the remembrance of which bore fruit among them and others on their return home. Neither the monthly nor the Sunday collections showed any satisfactory increase up to the end of 1906.

Muramunda.—After the boundary lines between the two neighboring missions (Lutheran and Baptist) had agreeably been settled, at least in this field, an effort was made to amalgamate the

two different schools of this place into one under a Lutheran headmaster. This will be accomplished within a short time and will also improve matters in the congregation, because the two rival schools caused constant discord and quarrels among the different denominations. The old stock of the congregation are a set of misers. They are well-to-do farmers, but will offer nothing but coppers for the church. And almost the whole of the rest of the congregation serve them on their fields.

Ballabhadrapur with half a dozen other villages in its vicinity has got a black mark from the Government for being inhabited by burglars, robbers, ruffians and murderers. The most crimes in the Godaveri District happen in these places. They are outside the Godaveri Delta and beyond the irrigated lands and there fore the inhabitants are mostly poor, and jungle people. The youth and offspring of such people, even though Christianized, cannot be expected to be absolutely free from the spirit and custom of their parents, relatives and neighbors. As soon as there is an angry contention, strife or a ground of dispute, many of the Christians also are ready to fight or beat or go to court. It is no use to be sentimental about it. Peter drew his sword wrongfully when he was roused on behalf of his Master, and yet Peter proved to be the most useful disciple for the Church. Our Christians at Ballabhadrapur have got something of both sides of Peter's character. The colporteur James, of this field, is from there. He is the very type of a ruffian in his outside appearance, but he is really a very firm and decided Christian. He is out daily on tour, carrying his books in a big coarse sack over his shoulder and will not let a day close without selling some of them. He fears no man and no caste. One night a ryot of his place waylaid him, but he flung his sack of books at him. The next morning he made him buy one of his books and thus settled the quarrel. Lately I had a very touching experience in the same village with a lad of about twelve years. I take it that the reader is acquainted with the fact that no Hindu knows his age. The father of the boy was a heathen drunkard, his mother not inclined to become a Christian, but the boy's ambition was to become a Christian; he loved to stay the whole day in the school (without going home) and in the teacher's house. He loved to sing and pray and longed to be baptized. I was exceedingly sorry to ar-

rive at few days too late at this place, because he died suddenly and unexpectedly of fever, with prayers on his lips, imploring his relatives to become Christians (Ps. 8:2).

Peravaram is also hard soil. It is the place where our native pastor, Ratnam, came from and one of those villages where the "Plymouth Brethren" entered and drew one of our men over into their congregation during the time we had fewer missionaries. Ratnam came from the caste people, who have ever since been against Christians; and among the Panchamas there was no progress made because of the denominational difference. It is a mutual blessing to have come to an understanding with the Baptist brethren on this field with regard to boundaries and divisions of the district. It is, however, practically impossible to establish missionary comity between us and the Plymouth Brethren. I have had rather unhappy experiences with them also in Dowlaishwaram. An additional trouble in Peravaram is that we have lost the leading man of the congregation by cholera, who knew a great deal of our early mission history.

We have experienced very sad losses during the last two years among leading men and among the best people. In Rayavaram the leader lost his wife, a "trained" and splendid teacher. In Artamur the leading man died of cholera. He had held the congregation together and we thought that we could not spare him. In Kadiapulanka also the Lord called the very best man we had, a man always happy in his faith and an ardent witness of the truth. Quite suddenly he dropped dead on the road. Cholera made murderous attacks also on the congregation of Lolla. In Atraipuram one of the church elders died, leaving a large family. In fact, all over the field a great many death blows have fallen, extinguishing much life and hope.

Trials of various kinds as mentioned above make us watchful and impel us to a more ardent effort to establish a sounder foundation for the church to come. We do not want to be put to shame either before Him or before our dying Christians.

Today 1916 Christians are left in Dowl. District to be looked after and cared for. Practically more than sufficient for one missionary, the more so because they are scattered throughout sixty villages and are partly without regular instruction. The state of the treasury does not allow us to increase the number of agents.

SCHOOL WORK.

Forty-two teachers are working in 38 schools. The total number of school children was 907 in December, 1906, an increase of 161 during the last two years. Considering that these 907 children, heathen and Christian alike, receive daily religious instruction in Bible stories, catechism, prayers and hymns, we may be positively sure, that this holy seed is not sown in vain. Whatever congregation, therefore, at home is suppporting such a teacher, may rightly regard its patronage as a very substantial participation in foreign mission work. A good percentage of the thousands who are leaving our schools will do so with a wholesome leaven in their mind and conscience. A careful observer will notice that the work of the schools on our field is of great value.

It will be advisable for us to bring about some uniform schedule of instruction for all schools and classes all over the mission field. There are three school teachers on the field, whose monthly pay is paid half by the villagers and half by the mission. There are eight school houses which have been built by the villagers alone. No school house has been repaired without the help of the villagers. The help which was needed has been rendered from the annual government school grant. At present there are four new school buildings under construction. Most of the teachers have a separate house to live in. These houses are provided by the villagers. The school grant money has been used to build two new school houses in 1906 at Peravaram and Ravulupalim, to repair eleven school houses, to furnish various schools with benches, tables, chairs, blackboards, maps, etc. The better teachers receive from this account "The Elementary School Journal," a very good Telugu monthly intended for the use of the teachers, giving them instructions on method of teaching, etc.

NATIVE WORKERS.

Forty-six agents are working on this field. Of these eleven are evangelists and 42 are teaching. Four are doing exclusively evangelistic work, whereas seven are at the same time carrying on school work. This is unsatisfactory, but the mission cannot afford to pay the salaries of the last mentioned evangelists for this work separately. I would either have to close seven important schools or would have to leave seven circles without regular Gospel

preaching. The evangelistic staff in our mission is rather small and poor. For a long time it was the rule in our mission that if an agent was not qualified enough to be a teacher, he was made an evangelist. Thus the chief aim of our work had to suffer. The poor evangelist was even partly spoiling the reputation of our cause. Fortunately a change has taken place for the better, though still much is left to be done. According to a scheme adopted the teachers form the lowest standard of agents, then follow the evangelists, then the catechists and finally the pastors. The eleven evangelists, therefore, of the Dowl. District, who have been appointed to supervise the ten circles of the same represent the best material on this field. Three-fourths of all the agents deserve approbation and praise. How often were they taken by surprise and visited unexpectedly! A number of them show unceasing zeal; some have suffered tribulation and severe affliction. At one place leading farmers surrounded the teacher with heavy bamboo sticks crying, "Leave the town tonight or we will kill you; we don't want your religion here." The good man did not go and was not killed. At another place a gang of drunkards entered the house of our agent by night and molested him. There are many more and touching instances extolling the zeal of a number of our evangelists and agents in the pursuit of their duty and Christ's cause, and they deserve most especially the praver of the friends at home.

Six teachers were sent up for government training for one year. They all passed their written and oral tests and examination and will now be allowed to teach the fourth standard in their schools.

TRAVELING.

From January 1st, 1905 to December 31st, 1906 we toured 214 days on "the Margareti" in the district. This excludes over 2000 miles bicycle touring in 1906 alone (in 1905 the bicycle had no cyclometer). It excludes also many days on which the train was used for half a day or a day. The catechist mostly follows on a boat, with him is also the evangelist responsible for the circle through which the missionary travels. At some places even caste people come forward and ask us to preach the Gospel; at other places they hate to see us coming. Here they listen most attentively, if I preach alone to them, but as soon as I am in company

with native helpers not of their caste, they pretend neither to know me, or not to care for me at all. There they enjoy having our large Bible pictures explained to them by the agents and will ask them to sing a hymn; their desire is genuine, but whilst they pretend to listen attentively, after the preaching is done, the real desire proves to have been medicine for the body or help of some kind or other. Some even invite me to their homes and willingly give me a chance to bring them the Gospel and then when I am on the point of leaving them, they beg my assistance in some appeal to government. In Dowlaishwaram a Brahman attended for quite a time our Sunday morning and evening services, sitting on one bench with the Christians. He was rather disappointed when I finally refused to allow him to set up a lottery in the town.

SELF-SUPPORT.

This item of benevolence shows a marked improvement, compared with the one of the last biennial report. Instead of Rs. 357, 8, 7, at the end of 1904 the account book shows a total of Rs. 519, 11, 2½ at the end of 1906. The item of "other receipts" shows an increase of Rs. 310, 8, 8, the total being Rs. 727, 8, 8. This is school grant. The item of "kind" increased from Rs. 80 to Rs. 127. The total amount of self-support grew from Rs. 854 to Rs. 1374. Considering that the total addition to the baptized membership is only 76, I venture to say, that the result of the effort of self-support represents a satisfactory movement for the better and I am sure that much more can and will be done in the next two years.

The monthly congregational subscription register also shows a fair increase. It was improved in the following manner. There are always a number of villages on record, where there are a few Christians, but no teacher. As soon as there is a new teacher available, the villagers come forward asking for him. And those who offer the highest support, will have the first chance. Thus a decided advance in self-support was effected. The total amount which was monthly paid by the villagers towards teacher's pay only amounted, in December, 1906, to Rs. 21, and I am positive that this amount will increase considerably during the next two years. Please notice, that this was the very beginning of a new method of self-support, which has nothing to do with the monthly

church subscriptions. These are placed as a "Public Savings Account" in the Dowl. postoffice under the name "The Ev. Lutheran Emanuel Church Fund," which had at the end of 1906 a total balance of Rs. 226, 8. From this fund the three chapels of the Dowl. District are kept under repairs, one evangelist is supported and subscriptions given to the Madras Bible Society. A third fund is the government school grant. Though this is not a contribution collected from the natives, still the premiums depend entirely upon the faithful work of our teachers. The better the condition of their schools, the greater the grant. A final item of benevolence, are the Sunday and Communion collections and added to this are the contributions in kind, i. e., building material for school and teachers' houses, labor for the same, supply of fowls, grass, eggs, etc., all these latter gifts are entered in their approximate value in the congregational account book. The total of this amounted to Rs. 310, 13, 10. It is not infrequently difficult to settle the value of these material offerings. One willingly gives one anna for half a dozen of good eggs, whereas it would be hard on the receiver to credit two dozen bad eggs.

In conclusion two extra items of pecuniary gifts have to be mentioned. One English gentleman gave Rs. 100, half of this toward the erection of a new school building at Aditi, the other half was placed toward the church fund in the postoffice. And another English gentleman presented Rs. 50, the sum of which has been used for the building of a new school hall at Dulla. Both houses were built with bricks. The gentlemen expressed the desire that their names should not be mentioned publicly. The Lord bless them for their generous gifts.

As it were, each individual missionary forms the central life of his own field and labor. This is no doubt a drawback to a uniform development of the A. E. L. mission church on our field. We do, of course, not want a collection of congregations. The more success the individual missionary has obtained in his own way, the more difficult it will naturally be for him to sacrifice his own ideals and methods for the sake of the whole. It requires self-denial, submission and self-abasement on the part of every one of us, if we want to see our work flourish as one united church body. I think a little in common will be of more value

than separate methods and constitutions and rules in each branch and field. Missionaries go and come, shall customs, principles and organizations change with them?

Respectfully submitted,

RUDOLPH ARPS.

TADEPALLIGUDEM DISTRICT.

1905-'06.

If figures tell tales, the two years under review have been my best ones, showing considerable success and progress. In the year 1905 two hundred (200) souls were brought into the fold of our great Shepherd. The last year (1906) added seventy-six (76) more to this number, making a total of two hundred and seventy-six (276) for the two years. The total number of souls in this field is now 1037, which means that since taking charge of the field, the number, under the providence of God, has been nearly doubled. God be thanked for it all. He granted me health and strength of body and of soul to do His work.

NEW CONGREGATIONS.

1. **Mota.**—In April, 1905, three men came to me from this village with baptismal certificates and letters of recommendation from a Church Missionary Society mission in Rangoon, Burmah. They were received into membership, and a teacher was sent to this village at the first opportunity. The villagers seemed exceedingly enthusiastic. Without a moment's hesitation they vacated and arranged for two (2) houses, one as a dwelling place for the teacher and his family, and a second one to be used as a school house. The school started well, too prosperously, I thought. I surmised the enthusiasm to be of straw, and only too soon, to my great regret, my fears proved true. The attitude of the people changed—the pendulum swung to the other extreme. They withdrew their children from school, refused to listen to the gospel preaching, and expressed the wish that we leave the village. But we are not so easily discouraged. The cause was simply this, that we strongly objected to the "heathen marriage" of one of our young men. The old non-Christian relative, who originated the trouble, raised such a storm that even after it subsided and the air seemed once more calm and clear, there remained a lingering

suspicion and a hostile feeling toward the religion of the Christ. No one suffered so much as John—curses and abuses were showered upon him, yet no one's good Christian virtues appeared in such a praiseworthy and commendable light, as his. In all those days he did little else than read God's Word, meditate and pray. The Comforter's presence was unto him comfort and strength. His wife was instructed and in due time admitted into Christ's fold through Holy Baptism—a great joy to him. We have some hopes of winning his brother and family in the near future.

2. **Kasipadu.**—The story of the congregation in this place is very interesting. The original class of catechumens numbered about eighty (80) persons. A very few wavered, doubted, and finally, before Baptism, withdrew. The threats and abuses of the caste people were responsible for this. Fifty-three (53), however, were baptized on Jubilate Sunday (1905) which was a day of great joy; joy in heaven and on earth. The second large baptism took place on Pentecost Day—when forty-one more were added to the flock. It is now the second largest congregation in the district. There are a few more families under instruction and we have reason to be hopeful for still more, since P. Benjamin has taken the work up. His predecessor, S. Prakasam, worked right well, earnestly and faithfully, but he lacked a certain refinement, which at times caused a bit of friction. For the welfare of the congregation, as well as his own, I deemed it expedient to transfer him. P. Benjamin was formerly at Unikili, our largest congregation, and did solid work there. He was very much beloved, as but few are, by the people. The congregation is well organized and established. Not so Kasipadu which needs an earnest, energetic and spiritual mind to lead and guide and take care of it. Such an one is Benjamin. The congregation has had its trials, first the cruel, rude treatment of the villagers and then the black dragon, cholera. The more the threatenings, the more they prayed. Ten died of cholera. "Why did you become Christians? Worship our cholera goddess and all will be well," said their non-Christian relatives and friends. They remained firm. (Details have been published in the mission papers.)

3. **Pendahla.**—On November 23d, 1905, the first persons were baptized in the village of Pendahla. Up to that date no Christian

preacher or missionary had visited the village, and yet the day I reached there, I found several persons fully prepared for holy baptism. Let me briefly tell you this interesting little story. One old man of this village—he must be about sixty years of age—in his younger days attended a mission school, and there learned some of the chief stories of Jesus, the Christ. These he really never forgot, though he never received baptism. He procured a New Testament, began to review the old stories and became a preacher of the Christ. He told those about him of the Saviour and soon found a few seekers after God, who gladly heard and learned of him. Among these seekers was Ashia —very hungry and thirsty after righteousness. The grand old man was soon at his wits end with his disciple who had learned all. Ashia went in search of a teacher. One day when he visited his brother in Kovur, he was advised to go to Tallapudi and see the catechist Anandappan. He went and spent three days there learning more of Jesus. On another occasion he spent several days with the teacher in Viggeshwaram. On the morning of the 23d of November, he came to me with the request to be baptized. His plea was so earnest and urgent that I promised to be at his place in the evening. "Can any one forbid water that these should not be baptized?" I baptized Ashia (now Jacob) and his family, and the old man, Muniah (now Anandam). Nineteen names are on the list as inquirers.

4. **Origidu.**—The movement in this village towards God, the Christ, is in a very large measure due to one of our new Christians in Kasipadu. Since Shadrach had found life in Christ he was very anxious that his relatives and friends should find this same costly pearl. He told them of Jesus the Saviour—simple though his narration was, it had its effect—and the ultimate fruits are the thirty-three Christians here. Shadrach began, and our teacher, whom we sent there, P. Daniel, continued the work, preparing them for holy baptism. December 18th was the festive day. With happy countenances and clad in their best attire, they came and were received into the Church. The cruel persecutions suffered at the hands of the Sudras, and the sore afflictions caused by cholera, tested their faith severely.

OLD CONGREGATIONS.

The work among the old congregations as usual has had its encouraging and discouraging features. To give a fair picture of "things as they are" I will mention the chief congregations, showing the progress or failure, as the case may be.

Tadepalligudem.—Nothing affords me greater pleasure than to speak of the progress of this congregation at headquarters. How discouraged I used to become! Perhaps two or three men and four or five women, among them my servants, would be in church on Sunday morning. I secured N. Isaac, of Rajahmundry, a lower secondary teacher, thinking that with his assistance I could bring about a better state of things, but there was little improvement. He was a good school master, but his heart was not with and for the people, and so the congregation improved very little. Finally I transferred him to another village, and procured the services of N. Devadanam (in January, 1905). He is the right man in the right place. Not only has he been faithful as a school master, which is after all of secondary importance, but he has been especially useful in bringing about a better state of things in the congregation. Together we went to villages and conducted evening prayers. Then he frequently went to visit these villages, and in time of trouble, he was indefatigable in helping the people to their rights, when wronged by others; and in comforting them, when sticken with grief; and in showing kindnesses in various ways when ill and in need. The first good result this earnest, devoted laborer bore was, that the Christians began to be regular in their attendance at divine service. The next was to teach them to be grateful for the good received of God, and to show their gratitude by giving liberally of their substance. The offerings have increased from Rs. 3.0.0 to Rs. 13.0.0 in the past two years. Another success, which I should call brilliant, was the attendance of the congregation on Sunday afternoons for Bible instruction. When Brother Pohl visited me in October, 1905, he at my request examined them in the Holy Scriptures. He was much gratified to observe how well they had learned since he left the place. One case of gross misdemeanor occurred, and because the persons concerned showed no sign of repentance, they were suspended.

Unikili.—This congregation is in a flourishing state. The

spiritual life is very commendable. This is no doubt due, in a large measure at least, to the faithful elders. Here are a few of their stringent rules: Persons absent from divine service on Sundays without a good excuse are fined. Christians attending, but without offering, must explain why they do not contribute. A Christian abusing a Christian brother, or even a non-Christian, is fined, the fine being in accordance with the severity of the offence. For any special goodness of God, a special offering must be made. Near our present school house a beautiful site, one and one-half acres was available. We deemed it a splendid opportunity. The whole site cost Rs. 304.0.—the congregation paid Rs. 104.0.0, and the remaining money was taken from the congregational fund (Rs. 100.0.0) and the school fund (Rs. 100.0.0). We hope in the near future to build on the site a chapel and school house, a teacher's and Evangelist's dwelling. Until then the land is cultivated by one of the members of the congregation, paying to the congregation the sum of Rs. 20.0.0 as rental.

Penumantra.—The work here has been to me a source of much joy and encouragement. For some years the congregation consisted practically of men—the women refusing to become Christians, stubbornly holding to their old idolatrous faith and customs. In August, 1905, fourteen persons were baptized, and of these seven were the wives of Christian men; in December of the same year, nineteen more were added to the flock. In the year 1906 six more were received into the church. Kasipadu's good example seems to have been felt here. The outlook is exceedingly bright. Several families are under instruction. This congregation pleased the Rev. Mr. Bahnsen considerably. The pleasant and happy faces of the Christians, and their clean, neat attire delighted him. "One can at once see that these people are good Christians, and are not poor," he said.

Gumampadu.—The congregation in this village is small, but because it has had its siege of troubles in the past year, I think it worthy of mention. There has always, since the banner of the Cross has been raised here, and some of the villagers have "put on the Lord Jesus Christ," been enmity between the Chrisuans and their neighbors. Chiefly because the Christians refused to assist financially in defraying the expenses of the performance of

heathen rites. In the beginning of last year a gross case of immorality was reported to me by a heathen to have happened between a Christian man and Mala woman. How much, or how little of truth this report contained I know not. At least the woman concerned fanned the old existing flame of hatred, and the result was that the cruel villagers planned to destroy the houses of the Christians, if possible while they were in them. They saw that this could not be done without destroying their own houses, which were in the midst of them. They therefore decided to burn the school house. It was burned in April (1906). The case was reported to the police. Nothing has yet come of it. I suppose the shrewd police will in some way hush the matter. More sad than this to me was the sufferings the poor Christians endured. Whenever they gathered for prayer and worship, they were reviled in the filthiest language. (They congregated in the houses of the members.) This even happened on one occasion in my presence. It had to be endured. For a while they were not permitted the use of the ferry to cross the canal, they were refused water from the common well, etc. The trouble has pretty well subsided, and all seems quiet. Let us hope it may remain so. The Christians held out faithfully and firmly.

Kandhavelli.—I regret that this congregation has proved disloyal to their Lord and Master. They had one of my best teachers, who worked well and faithfully, but they paid no attention to him. There has been, I believe, from the very beginning, strife among the Christians and no words, kind or admonitory, could reconcile them. Out of the six families only one remained faithful, and this one has temporarily moved to another village. The village has for this reason been abandoned. An evangelist still visits it, seeking to win back into the fold the backsliders.

Velpur.—In most of my reports this village has received mention. I am on the point of giving up hopes for a better future for the congregation here. The lack of spirituality is undoubtedly due to the fact that these people were baptized with no preparation; and the lack of unity in part comes from the fact that some are given mission lands to cultivate while others have nothing. This has all along cost strife and friction. Then again the chapel is on the canal banks, where only a few Christians reside,

whilst the majority live in houses three-fourths of a mile away at the other end of the town where the school house it. If prayer is held on Sundays in the chapel, those near the school house refuse to come, and vice versa, if prayer meeting is held in the school house, those near the chapel fail to attend. What is to be done? Velpur has caused me much grief and worry, and I suppose it must be patiently borne until they know Jesus the Christ and realize what He has done for them. M. Meschech, my good teacher, worked among them with much patience and love, but all in vain.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

The death of Narayanaswami on August 6th, 1906, caused a gap in the list of my workers, which I fear will not easily be filled. For many years he worked faithfully, and with an energy not common among our Telugus. Then he was a willing worker—worked wherever sent. When evangelists were wanted in the Tallapudi field, he said, "Here am I, send me." Though the Christians in that district came from a lower caste than he, he never let this affect his work, but treated them as brethren—which ninety per cent. will not do. The Tallapudi field, and especially the northern part in which he worked for several years, is feverish, but he went. He and his wife suffered much there and were frequently ill unto death. He quit the field only when his constitution was so undermined that he was absolutely unfit for work there. For six months he was unable to work. The malaria contracted never left him. I transferred him to this Taluk, as I mentioned in a previous report. He was stationed at Unikili. Of his work there I have spoken elsewhere. He went to Srungavruksham one day, and while there was attacked by cholera. His body weakened by the repeated attacks of fever, had lost its power of resistance, and he readily succumbed.

In November, 1906, the Rev. Dr. Harpster transferred one of his evangelists to my district—N. Stephen. Whether or not he will prove a good and successful worker I cannot yet say. He has been given six (6) villages as preaching posts.

It has always seemed to me strange, that in villages where congregations have existed for years, there are no new converts, but things seem to be rather at a standstill. Our aim for this reason has been to work especially in our older vil-

lages, thus if possible, to strengthen and revive our congregations. This work has not been crowned with very much success—only here and there a soul has been added. God, however, be thanked for this.

In a few villages, as Resasamudrapugattu and Jatlapalem, we hope to have congregations in the near future. The number of inquirers is fairly large and the zeal evinced encouraging and commendable.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

Within the last two years, three new schools were opened—Mota, Kasipadu and Origedu. As stated before the Mota school was very prosperous for a while, the attendance registered showing thirty children. But when the parents changed their attitude it meant death to the school—the school was closed. The Kasipadu and Origedu schools are prosperous. The first of the two, according to Government examinations stood third last year. In both places we have not yet been able to procure sites for school houses.

The old schools are in much the same condition. I think there has been some progress made in the Bible lessons, and I also think that there will be improvement in the secular subjects, since Government has appointed sub-assistant inspectors of schools for each Taluk. It will take time until our people appreciate the benefits of education.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST NEUDOERFFER.

TALLAPUDI DISTRICT.

GENERAL REMARKS.

To report progress in this field, with which I have been connected for the past four years, working it together with the Tadepalligudem field, is not an easy matter. It is simply impossible to do work extended over such an area, properly. And yet I have reason to believe that we need not lose heart, but may take courage. Victories have been won for Christ. Our aim has been rather intensive than extensive work. So often on my tours the work seemed nothing more than rectifying wrongs, disciplining gross sinners, restoring backsliders, etc. Had my predecessor avoided premature baptisms a great deal of these

troubles and difficulties, of this worry and care would have been averted. I have often been much disheartened. How different the work in the Tadepalligudem district is! In the catechist A. Anandappan I have an extraordinary help—a man, who has for eleven years worked with exceptional faithfulness and patience. In 1906 he was granted a six weeks' leave to go to his native place. He had not been there since he joined the Mission. His holidays were to him of much benefit physically, as well as a great pleasure. Anandappan is a man of wonderful patience, a virtue for which his native brethren admire him greatly. What would become of the field with a man of less patience! I dare not think of it. And then he has a memory which is exceptional. He knows every Christian in the district by name, as well as his history, before and after baptism. More than that, there is not a man of importance in the whole Taluk, whom he does not know and with whom he does not stand on friendly terms. The caste people respect him and when I say that Brahmins, Rajahs and Sudras vie with one another in showing him kindness, giving him meals, food supplies, etc., I have proved my statement of his popularity. For all he has a gospel message. He will always and at all times confess the Saviour.

On November 1st, 1906, the Rev. Mr. Trafford moved to Tallapudi. I greatly rejoiced in this fact, for I know perfectly well what this means to the district. A resident missionary was necessary. One month later, and again at the close of December, when I went to Tallapudi I could already detect improvement in the work. Brother Trafford's influence was immediately felt throughout the district—with the teachers as well as with the Christians, and the people at once grew fond of him. They had some one to whom they could turn in their sore afflictions and trials, to whom they could reveal their heart's wishes and wants, and from whom they could seek advice. I think that Brother Trafford is the right man in the right place. His love and patience are necessary qualities for successful work in this district.

CONGREGATIONAL WORK.

No district is so poorly supplied with prayer houses as Tallapudi. One reason is because of the great difficulty in procuring

building sites. Most of the villages are Zemindary ones, in which government has no right. A petition forwarded to a zemindar passes through the hands of many clerks. Usually they are mischievous Brahmins. They dislike Christians and their Christ and are opposed to their getting sites, and therefore simply hush up the matter, so that the petition rarely reaches the desired goal. Our official "Correspondence Book" shows petition after petition, but only very few replies. Recently we have adopted another plan. We try to have a personal interview with the landholders. In a few cases sites have been promised us.

Another crying need is burial sites. Every village of course his its burying place, which is government land. But our Christians rather dislike the idea of being buried in a place where heathen rites are so often performed, and they can hardly be blamed for this feeling. In a few villages the government has sanctioned for our use a portion of the public burying site. Temporarily, I suppose, we shall have to be satisfied with this. Perhaps when once our congregations are larger and more flourishing,our people may be able to buy a site for a cemetery.

Yellachintalagudem.—Two Christian families in this village, who since the day of their baptism (baptized before my time) had not attended the regular prayer meetings, came to me one morning after service with the request to excommunicate them, so that they might perform heathen marriages for their children. I objected, but my words seemed to have been spoken in vain. They next requested me to excommunicate their children. I again objected, threatening with the law. The next they did was to attend a heathen festival and pay a few cents to a heathen priest for a "purifying" bath. Still I remained firm and refused to grant them their wish. All this was no doubt sufficient reason for excommunication, but I hoped that the prayers which ascended to the throne of the King of hearts would sooner or later bear the desired fruit and bring them to a better sense of their Christian duty. And so it happened. They finally came with the request to baptize a certain girl and then to perform the marriage. I did so, and the difficulty was solved. The parents and their children are again regular in attendance at the prayer meetings.

Kovur.—Years ago there existed in this place a right large

congregation consisting of Madiga-Christians, but all without exception have lapsed into heathenism. No one even seems to know who they were, for they have abandoned their Christian names. On the ruins of the old, lapsed congregation a new one has arisen —people who belonged to the Malas. It is a great pleasure to me to be with them. All the men, even in this abandoned age, excepting one, have learned reading and writing. I have baptized them all within the last few years. The persecutions of their relatives has been a severe trial. On the whole the Malas of this village are very mischievous and careless. Our little band loves Christ and will without doubt be a good leaven in the village.

Pongatur.—Hardly a congregation has been to me such a source of joy and pleasure as this one. It is one of the few where strifes and quarrels are not the order of the day (among Christians). Such an earnest and faithful little flock! Surely the Lord is in their midst. When in January, 1906, Brother Trafford and I visited this congregation, the teacher brought eleven persons for holy baptism. On examination I discovered that they knew not yet the Lord Jesus. I could not baptize them and explained this to them. I encouraged them to attend all the divine services and gather every evening for instruction. They did so. Six weeks later, when I came around again all, including an aged grandfather and grandmother, had in brief learned the story of Jesus the Saviour, the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. I was greatly amazed. I baptized them. That day with its joy is indelibly impressed upon my mind.

Vadavolagunta.—In this congregation we have an example how a troublesome man can practically ruin a congregation. I understand that the people were carefully prepared for baptism (by Mr. McCreedy). One man named Isaac, the leading member and a good member for a while, evidently became possessed by the evil spirit, Pride. On one occasion when I visited the congregation with the purpose of celebrating Holy Communion he impertinently informed me, that the Christians of the place were not at all Christians, but an ignorant and bad lot, and consequently unworthy of communion, and that he alone was worthy. I at once postponed the celebration of the Lord's Supper. On another occasion he requested me to grant him a loan of money to pay his taxes. When I refused to grant the asked for amount he

showered upon me the contents of his ungrateful heart. He, being an influential man, misled a goodly number, including his relations. Some of them quit prayer for a while. No doubt Isaac has his good qualities, and we hope and pray that he may soon repent and join us again.

Chinnayagudem.—This congregation consists of Christians from the Madigas (they number about 100) and from the Malas (they are about 20 strong). The unchristian spirit prevailing here has caused me much sorrow. The Madiga Christians are really very nice people—people one cannot but love. But the Mala Christians have all along been troublesome. They were prematurely baptized and always contend for superiority over the old Christians. Excepting one good woman, they refused to partake of the Holy Communion with the others; objected that their children sat on the same bench with the others, etc. Finally the clash came—it had to come. The chief male Christian, Abraham, had a daughter married to a heathen man. Because the man refused to become a Christian, he asked me to grant his daughter a divorce, which is of course out of the question. He became a backslider and no longer attended our services. When another son-in-law was imprisoned for several months, and I would not free him, Abraham went away and again celebrated heathen festivals. I had to discipline him—he has been suspended. I doubt whether he will ever come back to the fold, but with God nothing is impossible.

Guddigudem.—Practically the whole congregation in this place had to be suspended for a while. Out of forty (40) only six were faithful hearers of God's Word. A gross case of immorality occurred in the most influential family. The parents and relations of the young woman concerned rejected all kindly advice, and when punishment had to be administered separated themselves from us. It grieved me much. This was in 1905. The following year I pitched my tent there and spent three days among them. The result was good. The majority of the people returned and repented and are again worshiping the God of love and truth.

Ankalagudem.—This is a new village. In the beginning of 1905 one of our Christians removed to this village, and soon there followed a movement towards Christianity. A teacher was placed there. A class of about thirty (30) persons was organized, of

whom two (2) have been baptized. On my tour at the end of the year another one was added. The majority are still under instruction. The young teacher, Jeeveratnam, deserves credit for his energy and earnestness. The village is very promising.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

We continue to labor under difficulties in this department of our work—chiefly because we lack proper school houses, and because of the lack of children, especially boys. Very frequently when boys are seven or eight years of age they are sold to ryots for a monthly allowance of grain. Government is trying to help these backward classes (as they are called), by showing greater leniency in the examinations and also by granting more money to these schools. Our grants for 1905 were about 320, while for 1906 they were 566. According to a new rule elementary schools receive more grant than other schools, and also more than in previous years. In every school Bible stories and the Catechism are taught. The progress usually depends upon the ability of the teacher. We need more teachers for this field. There are several schools without teachers. God give us the right men for the right places.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST NEUDOERFFER.

RAJAHMUNDRY BOYS' CENTRAL AND HIGH SCHOOL.

School kept regularly throughout the biennium just past. At the commencement of the second year, it suffered a boycott—a demand for leaving certificates—inflicted by the Hindu day-scholars, who failed to pass a second examination, which had to be held because the question papers of the first got out before the date of the examination, through the dishonesty of a trusted school-servant. The school, however, outlived the boycott for by the end of the year, there was a respectable attendance of Hindu day-scholars.

Nothing extraordinary to Indian schools of its kind transpired within the biennium. There were changes, it is true, but such as are common—new matrons and new pupils. A number of masters tendered their resignations, mainly for the reason that their posts were unsatisfactory to them. The school staff numbered

eighteen both years, exclusive of the peon and waterman. At present, March, 1907, its strength is the same, but includes the manager who, of necessity, is teaching the English subjects of the matriculation class.

The enrollment of pupils during 1905 was, boarders, 113; Christian day-scholars, 57; non-Christian day-scholars, i. e., Hindu and Mohammedan, 110; total, 280. During 1906, boarders, 114; Christian day-scholars, 49; non-Christian day-scholars, 60; total, 223. The decreased enrollment of 1906 was owing, almost entirely, to the boycott before mentioned. The average enrollment for the biennium is, boarders, 113+; Christian day scholars, 50; non-Christian day-scholars, 85; total, 248. As the report will be in the hands of mission friends towards the close of 1907, the enrollment at the time of writing, is added. Number of boarders, 120; Christian day-scholars, 39; non-Christians, 80; total, 239. A comparison of figures will show that the present attendance is less than it was in 1905, and more than in 1906. But this comparison is not at all discouraging, as the former figures are for a whole year; while the latter, but for the third month of the first term. New pupils are applying for admittance almost daily, and by the end of the year, the school may be full up as several of the forms are already. The VI and IV Forms are now the largest in the history of the school, the VIth and IId having reached the limit set by the Government, namely, 40. We regret to report that owing to the lack of accommodations and the insufficient strength of the staff, quite a number of applicants for the VIth Form had to be refused. We further regret that for lack of funds (among other reasons) to provide for improvements and apparatus, this school now flourishing, will be discontinued by the Home Board, after the boarding department (not the High School) has been removed well to the outskirts of Rajahmundry. There will then be no mission school for boys, Christian and non-Christian, in the chief station. The manager of the Rajahmundry High School is of the opinion—and he is not alone of it—that the abolishing of the school is a step retrograde. He agrees with Dr. Griffith John, fifty years missionary to China, who "strongly urges that every mission should have its high school and that it should be superior to the *national* school"; and not only should every mission have its high school, but it

should have one in every station where there is opportunity and demand. The mission has an open door shown it at Rajahmundry—for so *opportunity* implies. Will the Church unwisely let the door be closed to the Mission?

The fee income of the school for 1905, exclusive of the fees paid by boarders, was Rs. 2342.6.1; for 1906, Rs. 1187.8.6. This year there will be an enhancement in the fee income over that of the past biennium, being now Rs. 297.5.6 per fee-paying mensem, exclusive of fees paid by boarders from scholarships. The boarding boys, though holding scholarships, paid a monthly fee of Annas 2. They are now paying As. 4. This fee is extra and is not paid from the scholarships. It is not included in the fee-income given above which represents the amount collected from day-scholars only. Rs. 700 were remitted by the Board on account of a probable deficit at the close of 1906, it having been presumed that the boycott by fee-paying pupils would create a deficit. This amount was lost with other Mission moneys in the failure of Arbuthnot & Co., the Mission bankers. Had it not been thus lost, the whole amount or a part of it, might have been paid into the Mission treasury,—as the non-employment of a head master after the middle of August, 1906, prevented a deficit.

The school was officially examined both years by Government inspectors. The second year, a European inspector visited and examined the school. The masters were examined more than the pupils—as the inspector deemed the method of instruction in vogue—not only in this school, but in others also—antiquated. His manner won the confidence of the boys. Instead of abusing them, as did former inspectors (Hindus), when they were slow or could not answer, he elicited answers, or taught the boys, in a kindly way. A Government inspector comes to a school to inspect it, i. e., to find fault. He urges that the faults found be remedied. His recommendations cannot always be carried into effect. Whilst the inspection on the whole revealed much to be desired, still, on the authority of the inspector, a disinterested person, the school is no worse than the general run of Indian High Schools. The school examinations were just above fair, both years. The matriculation results were not so good as expected; three candidates out of twenty in 1905, and three out of eighteen in 1906, were successful. Thirty-three per cent. of

passes is considered good. The school did not fare much worse than the majority of High Schools. Comparisons are odious, but at times they must be made in self-defence.

BOARDING DEPARTMENT.

In 1905 there were 113 boarders and in 1906, 114. At present (March, 1907), the dormitories are full up with 120. The general health of the charges was and is good. They were spared, providentially, during the cholera epidemic prevailing the second term of 1906. The management gratefully acknowledges the kind attentions shown, when there was need, by Drs. Woerner and Neudoerffer, nee Van der Veer.

The High School Luther League continues in a flourishing condition. Portions of the Bible, Luther's Catechism, Helps to the Way of Salvation, by Rev. P. Geo. Sieger, and the Luther League Review, were subjects of study during the biennium under review. They continue to occupy the attention of the League. The first anniversary was held February, 1906. It might be mentioned in passing, that, according to present knowledge, the Rajahmundry High School Luther League is the first, if not the only, organization of its kind in India. The offerings taken on the occasion of the first anniversary and those of the regular meetings, were sent to the Church Mission Society Blind School, Palamcottah, S. India. Provided there are funds and room, the blind, young and old, Christian and non-Christian, from all parts and from any mission, are received into these schools; hence the interest taken in them by the young folks of the Mission Schools.

The Sunday-school, composed almost entirely of the boys and girls and teachers of the Mission boarding schools at Rajahmundry, numbers 300 easily. The Sunday-school endowed a one year's scholarship of Rs. 45 ($15) in the Blind Schools mentioned above. Regarding this contribution, Miss Asquith, the lady in charge, wrote: "Just after receiving the money, a nice-looking man came to ask me if I would take his little blind boy of eight years. I said 'Yes,' gladly; for had I not your (S. S.'s) money to keep him a whole year?" Besides this contribution, the Sunday-school gave the following for beneficent purposes: Rs. 100 to the Madras Bible Society; Rs. 36 to Samulkot for six months' salary of a teacher in the Manyam (hills) of that district.

Perhaps the reader would like to know how the young folks raise so much money. Every week the boys of the boarding department put aside As. 10 (20 cts.) worth of rice, from their allowance, and from Sunday to Sunday, they give this amount plus something more if they have it. The girls, who give their share towards benevolence, have some other method of raising their contributions. The moral is obvious.

As the Board has ruled to abolish the Rajahmundry High School, although petitioned otherwise, this is, in all probability, the last report of the school, that will be submitted.

F. W. WACKERNAGEL,

Rajahmundry, India, March 16th, 1907. *Manager.*

THE CENTRAL GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The work in this school has made steady progress in every department. There are now, including the training or normal students, 163 pupils enrolled. Of these, 44 are in the Lower Secondary department. It is encouraging to see how the number in this department gradually increases. The highest class numbers twelve, which leads us to hope for a larger sized normal class in 1908. Owing to circumstances beyond our control (weddings and cholera) the present normal class numbers only three, but judging from the size of the succeeding classes we may hope that future normal classes may be larger.

As the number of pupils enrolled increases, the work in the dormitory also increases. 136 of the girls are boarders and they, together with some teacher-boarders and helpers, form a family of 145.

Although the daily life and work in this school are by no means monotonous, yet they are as a rule uneventful. The road to learning with this class of people is generally slow and difficult, and their final success is more often due to the teacher's conscientious work of drilling than to the pupil's natural ability. We were enabled to continue the work uninterruptedly with the exception of the time lost by the cholera epidemic in July and August, 1906. Much has already been written about this, and it need not be repeated in this report.

The financial statement for two years, from Jan. 1, 1905 to Dec. 31, 1906, is as follows:

Balance January 1, 1905	Rs. 14. 5. 3
Receipts from Mission Treasurer	5994. 0.10
Do. from Government grants	3001.12. 3
Do. from Local sources	390. 5. 6
Receipts total	Rs.9400. 7.10
Expenditures	9648.15. 1
Deficit	Rs. 248. 7. 3

The deficit is due partly to the high prices of food stuffs during these famine times and partly to the extra expenditure during the time of the cholera epidemic.

OUR PRESENT WANTS.

1st. We want a new Zenana Sister to come out to Rajahmundry this year to take charge of this school during my absence on furlough. My furlough is now due; but I will gladly extend this period of service several years to allow time for some one to come and prepare for the work.

2d. The extension of my bungalow so as to accommodate two Zenana Sisters has been under consideration for years. Nine years of "living alone" should not be required of another one, and to avoid it, I should gladly undertake the erection of the building, if the required means were forthcoming.

3d. The epidemic of small-pox in 1904 and that of cholera in 1906 have taught us the necessity of providing an epidemic ward for such emergencies. As these diseases prevail in this climate, we should be prepared for them. Separate quarters for the normal students and teacher boarders are also much needed, and therefore an extension to the dormitory is suggested.

JAMIPETTA AND MANGALAVARAMPETTA GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

These two Hindu Girls' schools in my charge are now three years old. The work in them is steadily carried on with varied success. The irregularity of the pupils is the greatest drawback. If it depended upon the children alone, much of this difficulty could be overcome; but the parents' indifference and often disinclination to send them are, at times indeed, very discouraging to the teachers as well as to those in charge. Both schools

are housed in rented buildings, private homes illy suited for school houses. Our wants here are, also, buildings. Paying house rent seems like wasting money which ought to be used to secure permanent buildings for these schools. A small site (mission land), but not in a very desirable location, is avaliable for the Mangalavarampetta school, but the means to erect the building are still wanting. For more than a year I have been trying to secure a site for the Jemipetta school but so far have not been successful. I still hope, however, to secure it. I long for the day when we shall be enabled to vacate the present low, dark, uncomfortable thatch-roofed house. May these wants be supplied, for I ask for bare necessities for the sake of furthering the cause.

AGNES I. SCHADE.

HINDU GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

Riverdale.—Riverdale is the oldest of our Girls' Schools, having a history of about twenty-five years. It was known until recently as the "Caste Girls' School."

Since its organization other schools for girls have been organized under Government patronage.

The question might be raised, Why do we as a mission sustain Girls' Schools, if girls are now otherwise provided for?

To this we reply, For the same reason that we sustain other branches of mission enterprise, viz., that we may impress the Word of God upon the minds and souls of these girls at an age when they are receptive, and by God's grace win their souls to Jesus Christ.

It had been in my thoughts to give a detailed account of the subjects taught in each of the classes; but today I have received notice from the inspectress, that the entire curriculum is to be changed within a few weeks. We must, therefore, take up the new methods of teaching and requirements, or withdraw from Government patronage. This school has for a number of years received Rs. 200 from the Government.

It has its own building on mission property, so the only expenses are the salaries of teachers, and what is necessary for repairs and the general up-keep of the school.

Bible lessons are taught daily to each class in this, as in each of the other schools. The scholars commit to memory certain Psalms and other portions of Scripture and learn to sing the Telugu Christian lyrics. The Ten Commandments are also taught. The opening and closing exercises of the school are intended to direct the thoughts of the scholars to the true God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

During the last two years there have been a number of changes in the teaching staff. At present we engage a Brahmin headmaster and two woman assistants. One of these, H. Ratnamma, has been in the school for a number of years. The annual inspection took place November 18th, 1905, and again October 24th, 1906. The inspectress pointed out the defects in teaching, but said that on the whole the school was doing well.

In 1905 six scholars left the school, having removed from Rajahmundry, fourteen discontinued their studies, one died and six were transferred to other schools. The admissions during the year numbered thirty-five. In 1906 six scholars left, having removed from Rajahmundry, twenty-eight discontinued their studies and twenty-eight were admitted.

The Sunday-school meets regularly at two o'clock. Both women teachers are expected to be present, together with such other assistance as can be secured.

Every Saturday morning at 9.30, the teachers who assist in the several Sunday-schools are expected, if possible, to meet at this school for the preparation of the lesson for the following day.

Bethlehem.—This school is located in rented rooms (two with veranda) in the heart of the old town, on the main street which runs at right angles with the bazaar. Children are numerous in that locality. The population is largely of the higher castes.

When the school was first opened the children came in large numbers, until there were ninety names on the roll, and the small rooms were quite crowded. Some time afterwards, another school for girls, including widows, was opened within a short distance, in a roomy house, with a larger staff of teachers, by a highly cultured Brahmin of the progressive school of thought. M. K. Veeresalingum is highly revered by all the citizens of Rajahmundry, because of his interest in the Hindu people, particularly in those who are left widows at an early age. He is one of the movers in

the cause of widow re-marriage. He has also done much to benefit his townspeople generally and his character is above reproach. Our school has labored under difficulties. There have been frequent changes in the staff of teachers. Women object to the distance of the school from their dwellings and the necessity of crossing the bazaar. The street is always in a prospective condition of repair, and being narrow and dusty is most unattractive to our Christian women teachers.

At present we have two masters (Brahmans) and a Christian man, N. Isaac, who gives his services from 8 until 9.30 each morning. He opens school with the singing of a Christian lyric, reading of a selected portion of Scripture, and brief prayer, closing with the Lord's Prayer. He then gives the Bible lessons to the several standards, and leaves to attend to his duties in the Boys' School. Thus far his teaching has been satisfactory. The children are interested and can tell me, when questioned, what they have learned. His discipline also is good. The entire staff promises to do better service, than that which was in charge during the past two years. The Kindergarten work is in charge of the head master. The inspection by the Government representative was held November 18, 1905, and again October 23, 1906. The school received Rs. 75 from Government in each of the years named above.

In 1905 one scholar left, having removed from Rajahmundry, three discontinued their studies, ten were transferred to other schools and nineteen were admitted. In 1906 seven discontinued and nineteen were admitted.

The Sunday-school is in charge of Mr. K. Gabriel; Mr. J. Moses is also a teacher. The class in English is conducted by Rev. K. Wolters. The attendance is variable, but, on the whole, fair.

Aryapuram.—During 1905 there were two Brahman masters and one Christian woman employed as teachers in this school. At the expiration of that year the head master, an elderly man and diligent in his calling, died after a brief illness. His assistant went for training to the Government College and the Christian woman, Rhoda McGiel, resigned.

It was then decided to try the experiment of having Christian

women only in charge of this school though located in a petta which is exclusively Brahman.

M. Annamma, S. G. Ratnamma James and P. Lizzie were installed as teachers and thus continued until the close of 1906, when the second named resigned.

During eighteen months the school was held in temporary quarters, ill adapted for the purpose, yet the best that could be secured. During the rainy season the rooms were reached by means of planks and a few stones piled together instead of steps. Inside the light was poor and the walls looked as if a strong gale might blow them over on the children. However, we were graciously preserved from accident and much enjoy the present airy, commodious building which was opened with appropriate ceremonies on January 24th, 1907. By invitation of Mr. Achutaramiah a large audience gathered to witness the formal presentation of the new school building to the A. E. L. Mission of the General Council.

The address of presentation was made by Mr. Achutaramiah in the name of his wife. The door was opened by Mrs. J. C. Cumming, of Cocanada. Following Mrs. Cumming the guests entered and took the chairs reserved. Dr. Harpster in an appropriate address accepted the gift of Mr. Achutaramiah in the name of the A. E. L. Mission of the General Council of North America.

Exercises of a varied character followed, which were concluded by a display of fire works. It was a source of much regret that Miss Weiskotten, who had been so much interested in making the plans for the building, was absent on furlough in the United States, when the completed school building was presented for occupancy. The annual Government inspection took place on November 19th, 1905, and again on October 23d, 1906. The inspectress scrutinized the work of the teachers as shown by the attainments of the pupils very closely and pointed out where they may be improved. The school has received from Government Rs. 75 for 1905 and 1906 each.

The Sunday-school is under the care of Mr. McGiel, formerly a catechist, with M. John, Shikamani and P. Lizzie as assistants. The interest manifested has been encouraging.

The admission register of the school shows that in 1905 the number of girls who discontinued school was 12. Two of these

were readmitted. The number of admissions was 30. In 1906 the number who discontinued was 20. Six of these were readmitted. The number of admissions was 18. Of the scholars four are Christians.

Korlamgudi.—This school is located in the petta where the low caste people live. They are slow to believe that it is important for girls to be able to read and write their own language. It has therefore been difficult to induce them to send their children. The school was opened in 1904. Those who entered the infant standard at that time and have remained in the school have reached the third standard and begin to study geography.

There is but one teacher, C. Charlotte, in this school, which meets in a single room, which opens on the public road and is light and cheerful, quite an improvement on the dark little room in which the school began its existence. The children are usually bright and interested in their lessons. Forty-three have been members of the school since it was opened. In 1905 the number who discontinued was 13; in 1906, 10. The present number is 19. Three were admitted in 1905 and the same number in 1906.

The Sunday-school in connection with this school is, considering all things, most promising. The scholars are regular, a large proportion being boys.

The school is in charge of M. Solomon, a consistent Christian. The answers to the questions on review Sundays, once in three months, show that they have given attention to the lessons.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. Monroe.

February 28th, 1907.

THE MEDICAL WORK.

THE DISPENSARY.

During the biennium, 1905-1906, the medical work has been carried on by two physicians, Doctor L. Woerner going on furlough four months after the arrival of the second medical missionary on the field. Too much commendation cannot be given to Doctor Woerner for the splendid and faithful pioneer work which she did in the six and a half years that she was on the field, thus gaining for the medical work of the mission an excel-

lent standing. Feeling greatly her inadequacy, ignorant of the nature, ways and habits of the natives, and the proper method of dealing with them, unable to converse with them in their own tongue without the aid of an interpreter, it was with much reluctance that the present medical missionary undertook the work.

It is with regret that we report a decrease in the number of patients treated and the receipts for the last half of the biennium, due to the change of physicians. Even Hindu patients do not care to tell their symptoms to a non-medical interpreter. We believe that when Doctor Woerner returns the work will again rapidly increase.

With few exceptions the dispensary has been open every week day except during the hot season. The daily attendance is fairly good. The table in which the patients are classified will show what classes most avail themselves of the medical work. 61 per cent. were caste people; 23 per cent. Christians; 3 1-3 per cent. Mohammedans.

One worker has been added to the staff during the biennium. She is Miss Annie Ogilvie, a young Eurasian woman of sterling worth, a thoroughly competent nurse and compounder. She received her training at the A. E. L. M. Hospital at Guntur, from which she came highly recommended. During the morning, she compounds at the dispensary, and in the afternoon and evening relieves Miss Wahlberg at the hospital.

THE HOSPITAL.

In the summer of 1905, the "A. E. L. M. Hospital for Women and Children" was opened in a rented building,—a native house, which was available because within a short time, several persons had died in it. From their point of view this was a most unpropitious circumstance. To those who see the beautiful and well-equipped hospitals in the home land, this little one in Rajahmundry would seem very mean and insignificant; but it is not so to the people among whom we work. They call it the "big hospital" to distinguish it from the dispensary which is a furlong away. Though in many cases it requires much persuasion to induce patients to come into the hospital as house patients—indeed some of the dispensary patients are so frightened at the suggestion that they never return—when they have been there a few

days they are so well satisfied, that often a great deal of tact is necessary to get them to return to their homes after their recovery. Then, after one has once been in the hospital, if she or any member of the family has a most trifling ailment, they wish that person to be admitted into the hospital immediately, rather than go to the dispensary.

Devotional exercises are conducted in the hospital by M. Mariamma, one of the Bible women connected with the medical work. The patients, whether they be Hindu or Mohammedan, listen most attentively as the portion of Scripture is explained and during prayer. We long for the time, when, in the new hospital with its increased facilities, the number thus brought within daily hearing of the Gospel message may be increased an hundred fold. It is through her women that the redemption of India from the darkness of heathendom is to be effected.

The cost of the support of the medical work is always a question of considerable importance in a mission, as much that is done might be called philanthropic rather than directly evangelistic; and yet, if the relief of suffering results in the breaking down of barriers that obstruct the entrance of the Gospel, should not this seemingly purely philanthropic work be called evangelistic? We try to sow the seed in season and out of season. Those engaged in district work cheer us from time to time with testimonies as to the value of the medical work as an evangelistic agency.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

At present there are but two Sunday-schools connected with the medical work. A third, which met early Sunday morning on the veranda of the Medical Home, was discontinued, because of the removal of the village from which the children came.

The Sunday-school for caste children is held at the dispensary immediately after morning service. The attendance varies from thirty-five to sixty, and these boys and girls are clever and interesting. The instruction is given by M. Devadas and B. Alexander, who have done splendid work here.

The English Sunday-school meets at the Medical Home in the afternoon. It consists of thirty children and adults, Eurasians, with the exception of one English-speaking Parsee boy.

As we turn from the work of the past to that of the future, we

realize that the medical mission has, in part only, been successful in its two-fold mission,—the relief of the suffering body and the bringing of the sin-sick soul into contact with the divine Physician. To those who have assisted in anyway in bringing about the measure of success that has attended it, we express our thanks. Above all, we acknowledge our indebtedness to Him Who by His life among the children of men, put His seal upon the double ministry of healing and teaching.

JULIA VAN DER VEER NEUDOERFFER.

PATIENTS TREATED IN THE DISPENSARY.

New patients registered	8,581
No. of visits from old patients	11,531
Total number treated	20,112

According to castes they were as follows:

Brahmins	2551	Komaties	189
Sudras	2653	Eurasians	405
Christians	1988	Mohammedans	83
Malas	462	Europeans	50

OPERATIONS.

Teeth extracted	168
Abscesses eviscerated	113
Obstetrical operations	35
Minor operations	13

COST OF SUPPORT.

	R.	as.
Fees from Zenana patients	1609	0
Fees from Dispensary patients	596	8
Grant from Municipality	600	0
From Mission Treasurer	2677	1
Total	5482	9

ZENANA WORK.

It is just about two years since I again took charge of the Zenana work. I came out with great hopes and high ideals, knowing that scarcely any Hindu home is any longer closed, either to lady missionaries or native Bible women, provided the Bible women are respectful and kind. I felt there were great possibilities.

When I was here before, I tried to do all the teaching myself. It was only a few months before I left for America, that consent was finally given to employ the first Bible women. Now everyone acknowledges that in this department, as in all others, there must be native helpers. Accordingly, at the first council meeting, in April, 1905, it was decided to bring in six women (widows) from the districts and train them for this work. On the first of June, 1905, one woman was sent in, and Bible lessons were commenced in my study for two hours each morning. A couple of women from Rajahmundry, who were not to be employed in this work, also attended. The first one sent in from the district has long since been given full work, though she still comes here every morning for Bible study. Later on, a woman living in Rajahmundry began to attend and has now, also, been given work.

In November, 1905, three women were sent in from the Bhimawaram district. One could read; but she had a child, whom she had left with relatives and they refused to take care of it after Christmas. Consequently, she had to go home. One could not read at all, but said she was willing to learn. She was far advanced in years, and after two months of most persistent teaching, by myself and native teachers, we found it was impossible for her to learn to distinguish between one letter and another, so we gave it up in despair. The third had learned to read as far as the second standard when a child, but had forgotten nearly all. She was anything but promising in other ways, and after the other two had left, she was not anxious to stay, so we let her go. Since then, it seems, no one could be found in any district, who could enter the training class. Though this class still exists, it consists only of the two above mentioned women who are now employed, and a few women from Rajahmundry, who, for various reasons, I am not allowed to employ. My ardent hopes have, therefore, somewhat cooled. The object of this class was to give the women instruction for a couple of hours in the morning, and then, in the afternoon, to take them out to the homes and let them see and gradually learn to do practical work.

The few workers that I have had, have done faithful work. One woman who had been in the work since January, 1904, was

very capable as a teacher, but was constantly offending people by her manners. At last, after the people in more than thirty homes had told me that they would not have her come to their houses any longer, I had to ask the Ex. Com. to dismiss her in May, 1906. The women of those homes now receive instruction by a less gifted but more friendly woman whom they receive very gladly.

There are at present four women employed in Rajahmundry and one at Dowlaishwaram. Besides these, two of the women who are employed in the medical work spend a part of their time teaching in the homes. The number of homes visited weekly is 230 in Rajahmundry and 40 in Dowlaishwaram. Taking the average for the last few months, the number of women who attend the instruction in Rajahmundry is 1137, and in Dowlaishwaram 146, or a total of 1283.

Results. How I would like to say that a large number had become Christians! Had it been possible, I think a few at least would have done so. Some not only listen with much interest to the lesson, but of their own accord join with us in earnest prayer every week. One woman had for a long time been asking us if there were no possibility of her being baptized. Once when her husband left home for a few days on business, she begged to be baptized while there was no one to hinder it. She said she would be willing to suffer anything afterwards. Of course we had to tell her that without her husband's consent, she could not be baptized. No high caste Hindu man will give such permission unless he, also, has been reached by the Gospel and is willing to receive holy baptism himself.

I know that it is an old story—something that I have, perhaps, said in every report, but I can not avoid repeating it, that two things are necessary in order that there may be evident results from the Zenana work, namely, first, that more native women be secured for the work and, second, that some efforts be made to bring the Gospel to the fathers, husbands, brothers and sons of the Zenana women who are being instructed.

My hope may not be as high as it was two years ago, and, I fear, I must confess that my strength, also, is less, but my love for the work, I am sure, is as great as ever. My heart's desire

and prayer to God is, that the day may soon come when many of these, not only the women, but entire families may be saved.

CHARLOTTE SWENSON.

Feb. 16, 1907.

LACE INDUSTRY.

During the past two years there has been progress in this department, beyond our highest expectation. Two years ago we hoped that in time the industry would become self-supporting; but we did not expect that this would be accomplished so soon.

When this work was first begun, feeling the need of advice from those who had had experience in similar work, we wrote to the superintendent of a lace industry in a mission where lace making had been carried on for many years. In his kind reply to our letter he said: "But I must tell you that the industry is not self-supporting; the fact is it is a constant expense to the mission. It is carried on solely for the benefit of our Christian women. We consider it very important to give them something to do, that will occupy their time, as well as to provide a means by which they can earn a livelihood."

Like this superintendent, it was our desire to give our idle Christian women employment, and some means of support, but unlike their industry, ours has not been a constant expense to the mission. No money whatever has been expended upon this department by the mission, nor has any been received from any outside source.

In March, 1906, the chairman of the Lace Committee in America was able to send us a large remittance which she had received for laces sold. With this we paid our entire indebtedness and had a handsome balance in hand. And from that date the lace industry has been self-supporting. It is with great regret that we must report the loss of Rs. 500 that had been deposited with Arbuthnot & Co., and, sad to tell, there is very little prospect that any of this will be recovered. We had made plans for the work, which this heavy loss has prevented us, for the time, from carrying out. The women showed much sympathy when they heard of this loss, and were quite ready to receive a little less for their lace, with the hope that in this way the amount could gradually be made up.

Although crippled for a time, the industry has recovered from this loss, and is ready not only to increase its force of lace makers, and in some cases to pay a little more for the work, but will also soon be ready to contribute to some other department of mission work. Several objects appeal to us, and are now under consideration.

Two years ago we reported seventy women enrolled as lace makers; today we find double that number enrolled, with many more names on our books. It is difficult to know just how many women are engaged in this work in their homes in the distant villages. The industry has spread from village to village. We are often surprised by having first patterns brought us from places where we had no idea lace was being made. Women who were taught in Rajahmundry are now teaching others in their remote villages. The industry has sent three women to Madras to the Church of Scotland school. This mission has a large lace industry connected with their Girls' School. These women are learning to make finer laces and more intricate patterns. After a time we hope to have them give instruction in the finer work, and to superintend the work in the lace centers in the district. There are now three such centers where women come from the surrounding villages for instruction.

At present we have one teacher employed, Raya Rachel, the wife of one of our mission school teachers. She is a capable lace teacher, and also a good Bible teacher. Many years ago she attended the lace school of the Church of England mission in Nazareth, S. India, and there passed a technical examination, qualifying her to teach. She is remarkably quick in making patterns and has been a great help in the work during the past year. She is also a capable and acceptable Bible teacher. Toward the close of the past year she, in company with one of our Christian widows, Adala Ruth, who has for a year been a member of Miss Swenson's Bible Training Class, made a short tour into the district. They instructed Bible Classes for women in a number of villages, and also inspected the work of the lace makers. Their visits were a great pleasure to the village women and their Bible instruction was much appreciated. The women listened with closest attention and their frequent assenting nods proved that the truth was being presented in a way so simple that we can not but

believe that a real spiritual impression was made upon them. We hope the plan can be carried out of assigning two Bible women to the work of teaching the Christian women in the remote villages, and especially where there are classes in the lace centers. The demand for lace is constanly increasing. No sales are made in India. We have not been able to supply the demand from America. Lace making is slow work and orders for 50 or 100 yards of a particular pattern, require a long time to fill. But the committee are very kind, they understand our difficulties and never seem to grow impatient when their orders are not promptly executed. The success of this department is largely due to this efficient Lace Committee in America—the chairman and those who have assisted her in promptly selling the lace and sending the proceeds to India. They have in this way kept us supplied with funds without which it would have been impossible to have carried on the industry in any extensive way.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

All receipts from sales to Dec. 31, 1906	Rs.4142.14. 8
All expenses of Industry to Dec. 31, 1906	3490. 1.10
	Rs. 652.12.10
Lost with Arbuthnot & Co.	500. 0. 0
Balance in hand Jan. 1, 1907	Rs. 152.12.10

M. J. HARPSTER.

BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE MISSION TREASURER IN INDIA.

Since September, 1905, the Mission Treasurer in India, conforming to a Board proceeding, has been forwarding them quarterly audited reports.

As heretofore, mission moneys were on deposit with Arbuthnot & Co., Madras. Rs. 12,262.2.6 ($4000+) were on deposit with that firm, at the time of their insolvency, October 22d, 1906. Whether or no, anything of the loss will be recovered to the Mission, is, at the time of this report, problematical. The creditors have been organized and a committee appointed to devise means whereby a percentage, at least, of the loss will be made good to the several creditors. The Arbuthnot Industrials, it is hoped,

will be used for this purpose. The Mission cannot expect a reimbursement in the very near future.

Pending definite action on the part of the authorities at home and in India, Mission moneys were deposited with a local firm of merchant-bankers, Kaki V. Brahmiah & Sons. This firm were very obliging, negotiating drafts for the Mission without charge. Some moneys are still on deposit with them. An account was opened with Cocanada branch of the Bank of Madras. As the Bank of Madras does not recognize trusts—they consider the Mission such—and as the Mission is a non-registered organization, an actual Mission account could not be opened with the bank. However the bank was quite willing to open an account with the Mission, carried on in the name of two individuals, with benefit of survivorship. As soon as the Indian Treasurer was in receipt of a Board remittance, the necessary credentials, drawn up and signed by the officers of the Missionary Council, were presented and the first deposit was made. (This latter usually does not belong to the biennial report as the matter was arranged in 1907; but thinking that the home constituency might wish to know where Mission moneys are now deposited, it was attached.)

Appended is an exhibit of receipts and disbursements of the biennium under review.

STATEMENT, 1905.

Receipts, First Quarter, ending March 31, 1905.

Balance in treasury, Jan. 1, 1905	Rs. 6916.11. 3	
From Home Board	16022.15. 0	
From other sources	144. 6. 0	
		23084. 0. 3

Disbursements.

For all purposes	17158. 1. 3
Balance, Rs.	5925.15. 0

Receipts, Second Quarter, ending June 30, 1905.

Balance in treasury, June 30, 1905	Rs. 5925.15. 0	
From Home Board	23400.15.10	
From other sources	600.15. 6	
		29927.14. 4

Disbursements.

For all purposes	13384. 9. 9
Balance, Rs.	16543. 4. 7

Receipts, Third Quarter, ending September 30, 1905.

Balance in treasury, Sept. 1, 1905	Rs.16543. 4. 7	
From Home Board	24569. 8. 6	
		21112.13, 1

Disbursements.

For all purposes	21051.10. 1
Balance, Rs.	61. 3. 0

Receipts, Fourth Quarter, ending December 31, 1905.

Balance in treasury, Oct. 1, 1905	Rs. 61. 3. 0	
From Home Board	14177. 3. 9	
		14238. 6. 9

Disbursements.

For all purposes	14086. 5.11
Balance, Rs.	152. 0.10
Total receipts, 1905	Rs.65832.11.10
Total Disbursements, 1905	65680.11. 0
Net balance, Jan. 1, 1906	Rs. 152. 0.10

STATEMENT, 1906.

Receipts, First Quarter, ending March 31, 1906.

Balance in treasury, Jan. 1, 1906	Rs. 152. 0.10	
Remittances not yet drawn	2611. 2. 0	
From Home Board	12348. 9. 9	
		15111.12. 7

Disbursements.

For all purposes	14915.14. 2
Balance, Rs.	195.14. 5

Receipts, Second Quarter, ending June 30, 1906.

Balance in treasury, April 1, 1906	Rs. 195.14. 5	
Remittances not yet drawn	1838.13. 1	
From other sources	483. 1. 5	
From Home Board	20727.10. 5	
		23245. 7. 4

Disbursements.

For all purposes	23045. 7. 1
Balance, Rs.	200. 0. 3

Receipts, Third Quarter, ending September 30, 1906.

Balance in treasury, July 1, 1906	Rs. 200. 0. 3	
Remittances not yet drawn	11128.15. 9	
From Home Board	13591. 5. 1	
		24920. 5. 1

Disbursements.

For all purposes 24665,12. 9

Balance, Rs. 254. 8. 4

Receipts, Fourth Quarter, ending December 31, 1906.

Balance in treasury, Oct. 1, 1906.....	Rs. 254. 8. 4	
Remittances not yet drawn	4071.14. 5	
From Home Board	8192.15.10	
		12519. 6. 7
To loss, account of failure of Arbuthnot & Co.		12262. 2. 6

Cash balance in treasury, credited to Emergency Fund....Rs. 257. 4. 1

Further Receipts, Fourth Quarter, ending December 31, 1906.

Cash balance in Treasury .....Rs.	257. 4. 1	
From Home Board	14031. 7. 7	
		14288. 11. 8

Disbursements.

For all purposes 14288. 6. 5

Net balance, January 1, 1907.....Rs. 0. 5. 3

Total Receipts, 1906 .....Rs.	89178. 0. 2
Total Disbursements, 1906	89177.10.11

Net balance, January 1, 1907.....Rs. 0. 5. 3

Faithfully submitted,

F. W. WACKERNAGEL,
F. M. Treasurer in India.

Rajahmundry, March 6th, 1907.

LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND PATRONS, BOYS' CENTRAL SCHOOL, RAJAHMUNDRY, JUNE 1, 1907.

No.	Name.	Age.	Class.	District.	Scholarship.	Supporter.
1.	Palaparti David	15	II. Form	Bhimawaram	Melanchthon	Rev. J. Shunk and wife, Harrison City, Pa.
2.	Manukonda John	13	II. Form	Bhimawaram	Long Memorial	Young Ladies' Bible Class, Holy Trinity, New York City.
3.	Goortla Juvaratnam	15	I. Form	Bhimawaram	Bethany	Boys' Luther League, Baden, Pa.
4.	Vipparti Venkataratnam	17	III. Form	Bhimawaram		Local Centre, Erie, Pa.
5.	Vardhanupu Adrea	18	II. Form	Bhimawaram		Ladies' Missionary Soc. and L. L., St. Paul's, Mansfield, O.
6.	Godi Sadhuru	17	II. Form	Bhimawaram	Trinity	Sunday-school, Holy Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y.
7.	Konala Prakasem	18	III. Form	Bhimawaram	W. J. Mann	Sunday-school, Frieden's Church, Myerstown, Pa.
8.	Mogalapu Sundarao	14	II. Form	Dowlaishwaram		S. Phillipy, Grace, Newark, N. J.
9.	Pirdakala Krupadanam	18	III. Form	Bhimawaram	Schindel	Egypt and Mickley's churches, Lehigh Co., Pa.
10.	Porturazu Sadhuvu	18	III. Form	Bhimawaram	Augsburg	Luther League, Leechburg, Pa.
11.	Balla Anandam	14	II. Form	Dowlaishwaram		Women's Society, Zion's, Lancaster, Pa.
12.	Ardidella Sundaro	14	IV. Form	Bhimawaram	Hasselquist	Luther League, St. Michael's Church, Sellersville, Pa.
13.	Proddku Devadas	14	I. Form	Bhimawaram		Ladies' Society, Swedish Church, Round Rock, Texas.
14.	Velagopalli Isaac	17	II. Form	Bhimawaram		Needleworkers, Trinity, Norristown, Pa.
15.	Pilli Martin Luther	12	II. Form	Bhimawaram	Zion's	Ladies' Mission League, Zion's Church, Wheeling, W. Va.
16.	Garikamukala Joseph	12	I. Form	Bhimawaram	C. W. Schaeffer	Ladies' Society, St. Michael's, Germantown, Pa.
17.						Miss Libbie Shoemaker, Greensburg, Pa.
18.	Muppadi Jesudass	18	VI. Form	Rajahmundry	St. Mark's	Susan A. Nippes, Bustleton, Pa.
19.	Mallepu Franklin	12	IV. Stand.	Dowlaishwaram	Herman Carlson	Luther League, Renovo, Pa.
20.	Ravi Samuel	13	III. Form	Bhimawaram	Artman	Sunday-school, St. Stephen's, Philadelphia, Pa.
21.	Porti Anandam	11	IV. Stand.	Tadepallegudem		Misses Pieper, St. Stephen's, Brooklyn, N. Y.
22.	Dayamu Lazarus	12	IV. Stand.	Tadepallegudem		Mrs. G. W. Sandt, Nativity, Philadelphia.
23.	Pirdakala Juvaratnam	15	IV. Form	Bhimawaram	Evans	Sunday-school, St. Peter's Church, Evans City, Pa.
24.	Peetala Reuben	15	I. Form	Bhimawaram		Willing Workers, St. Michael's, Germantown, Pa.
25.	Sodadasi Juvaratnam	15	I. Form	Bhimawaram	George Rigg	E. E. and C. P. Schimmelfeng, First Church, Warren, Pa.
26.	Alamuri Mark	15	II. Form	Bhimawaram		Sunday-school, Trinity, Perkasie, Pa.
27.	Ganji Jacob	14	I. Form	Tadepallegudem		Swedish Church, Swedeberg, Neb.
28.					John Arndt	The Misses Worley, Trinity Church, Reading, Pa.
29.	Vagiri Benjamin	20	IV. Form	Bhimawaram	Davis Garber	Mrs. Davis Garber, Allentown, Pa.
30.	Porturazu Prakasem	16	IV. Form	Bhimawaram	Calvin Seaman	Mrs. A. E. Seaman and Bible Class, Zion's Church, Frackville, Pa.
31.					Warren	First Church, Warren, Pa.
32.	Velagapelli Moses	12	IV. Stand.	Bhimawaram		Boys' Mission Band, Emmanuel, Pottstown, Pa.
33.	Morugu Moses	10	III. Stand.	Tadepallegudem	George Weyman	First Church, Pittsburg, Pa.
34.	Kandikatala John	19	VI. Form	Bhimawaram		Foreign Mission Society, Ljunghed Church, Albert City, Iowa.
35.	Tokala Joseph	13	I. Form	Bhimawaram		Luther League, Trinity Church, Middleport, O.
36.	Gidla Satyanandam	14	I. Form	Dowlaishwaram		Luther League, Trinity Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
37.	Sandi Samuel	10	IV. Stand.	Tadepallegudem		Sunday-school, Transfiguration, Philadelphia.
38.	Potti Samuel	12	I. Form	Bhimawaram	B. M. Schmucker	Sunday-school, Church of the Transfiguration, Pottstown, Pa.
39.	Namabattula Lazarus	16	IV. Form	Korakonda		Senops Kornett, Messiah Church, Burlington, Iowa.
40.	Tardapilli Jacob	18	III. Form	Korakonda		Woman's Mission Society, Salem, Lebanon, Pa.
41.	Battini Samuel	10	IV. Stand.	Dowlaishwaram		L. L., Redeemer, Utica, N. Y.
42.	Maddikonda Luke	17	I. Form	Korakonda		Ladies' Aid, Holy Trinity, Jeanette, Pa.
43.	Gidla Abraham	12	IV. Stand.	Dowlaishwaram		Rev. Frank D. Buchman, Philadelphia, Pa.
44.						Woman's Missionary Society, Reformation, Rochester, Pa.
45.	Vamana Paradesi	15	III. Form	Dowlaishwaram	Althouse	Infant Class, St. John's, Easton, Pa.
46.	Raya Theophilus	17	II. Form	Dowlaishwaram	Krauth	Young Women's Bible Class, Buffalo, N. Y.
47.	Durdala Samuel	12	I. Form	Bhimawaram		Sunday-school, Grace, Franklin, Pa.
48.	Penngula Sundaras	14	I. Form	Korakonda	Wittenberg	Zion's Church, Rev. Isenschmidt, Wilmington, Del.

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49.	Gunabattalu Samuel	14	II. Form	Rajahmundry		Sunday-school, St. Michael's, Germantown, Pa.
50.	Massi Emmanuel	12	IV. Stand.	Dowlaishwaram	Benj. Sadtler, Jr.	Dr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Sadtler, Dubuque, Iowa.
51.	Polaparthi Adam	13	I. Form	Bhimawaram		H. J. Moyer, Pillow, Pa.
52.						
53.	Gopal Devadass	13	II. Form	Dowlaishwaram		John F. Jones, Chicago, Ill.
54.	Deva Anandam	16	III. Form	Dowlaishwaram		Mission Society, St. John's, Van Wert, O.
55.	Gedala Nathaniel	16	I. Form	Bhimawaram		Luther League, St. John's, Erie, Pa.
56.	Pilli Mark	16	III. Form	Samulkot	S. Ansgar	Woman's Missionary Society, Grace, Norristown, Pa.
57.	Sodadasi Isaac	14	II. Form	Bhimawaram		Member of Epiphany Church, New York City.
58.						
59.	Pilli Prakasem	14	II. Form	Dowlaishwaram	Salem	Sunday-school, Salem Swedish Church, Chicago, Ill.
60.	Somabattalu Samuel	16	III. Form	Samulkot		Church of the Advent, New York City.
61.	Jetti Sickhamani	13	III. Form	Samulkot	St. James	Louisa Grim, Allentown, Pa.
62.						
63.	Gidla Abraham	12	IV. Stand.	Dowlaishwaram		Sunday-school, Trinity, New Holland, Pa.
64.	Jalapati Samuel	10	III. Stand.	Dowlaishwaram		Luther League, Bangor, Pa.
65.	Notangi Joseph	17	I. Form	Tallapudi	Indiana	Missionary Society, Zion's, Mulberry, Ind.
66.	Tuluri Prakasem	12	IV. Stand.	Dowlaishwaram		Mary J. Drexel Deaconess Mother House, Phila.
67.	Ventipilli Anandam	9	III. Stand.	Samulkot		Y. P. Mission Soc., Zion's, Easton, Pa.
68.	Bethala Johan	13	III. Form	Bhimawaram		J. G. Lodin, Albert City, Iowa.
69.						
70.	Torta Emmanuel	11	IV. Stand.	Bhimawaram	Axtell	Bethany Church, Axtell, Neb.
71.	Kartragarda Samuel	12	IV. Stand.	Bhimawaram	Tappert	Meriden and Southington churches, Conn.
72.	Gurda Devadass	18	IV. Stand.	Tallapudi	Upsala	Sunday-school, Zelienople, Pa.
73.	Nittala Prakasarao	15	IV. Form	Korakonda		H. C. Kionka, St. Stephen's, Brooklyn, N. Y.
74.	Chikala Samuel	10	IV. Stand.	Tallapudi		Mission Circle, Zion's, Erie, Pa.
75.	Yemuluri Juvaratnam	15	IV. Stand.	Tallapudi	Muhlenberg	Sunday-school, Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y.
76.	Ganta Joseph	16	IV. Stand.	Tallapudi	Father Heyer	Father Heyer Miss. Soc., Theol. Sem., Mt. Airy, Pa.
77.	Gopi Jesuratnam	10	IV. Stand.	Bhimawaram		Woman's Mission Soc., First Church, Selinsgrove, Pa.
78.	Tellam Paul	16	II. Form	Tallapudi	Lydia	Missionary Society, Fair Haven, Mulberry, Ind.
79.	Lankapelli Lazarus	15	II. Form	Tadepallegudem	Gustavus Adolphus	Sunday-school, Mannhead, Stanton, Iowa.
80.	Teli Pedda Krupadanam	13	II. Form	Tadepallegudem		Luther League, St. John's, Erie, Pa.
81.	Namala Solomon	13	IV. Stand.	Dowlaishwaram		Mrs. T. W. Boileau, Bustleton, Pa.
82.	Bainapudi Samuel	10	III. Stand.	Samulkot	A. H. Franke	Sunday-school, Emmanuel Church, Germantown, O
83.	Palaparti Joshua	18	IV. Form	Tallapudi		Mrs. J. O. Knipe, Trinity, Norristown, Pa.
84.	Teli Joseph	19	VI. Form	Tadepallegudem		Woman's Society, Luther Memorial, Erie, Pa.
85.	Razala Moses	13	II. Form	Tadepallegudem		Y. M. Bible Class, Grace, Bethlehem, Pa.
86.	Peetala Charles	13	II. Form	Bhimawaram		Church of the Good Shepherd, Overbrook, Pa.
87.	Tilichinna Krupadanam	13	II. Form	Tadepallegudem	Phoebe	Missionary Society, St. Peter's, Bethlehem, Pa.
88.	Pirdakala Satyanandam	15	IV. Form	Bhimawaram		Sunday-school, St. Mark's, Pennsburg, Pa.
89.	Karra Reuben	15	IV. Form	Bhimawaram		Sunday-school, Zion's, Trevorton, Pa.
90.	Mylabattalu Jeevaratnam	14	I. Form	Bhimawaram		Mustard Seed Society, Messiah, Burlington, Iowa.
91.	Raya Suniaras	15	I. Form	Dowlaishwaram		Sunday-school, Holy Communion, Philadelphia.
92.	Gandi Nathaniel	16	II. Form	Bhimawaram		Missionary Society, St. James, Altoona, Pa.
93.	Pirdakala Chinna Moses	9	IV. Stand.	Bhimawaram		Mission League, Christ's, Pittsburg, Pa.
94.						
95.	Taluri Devasahayam	10	I. Form	Dowlaishwaram		Mrs. Charles A. Heinitsch, Trinity, Lancaster, Pa.
96.	Chindhada Joseph	16	II. Form	Bhimawaram		Luther League, Trinity, Norristown, Pa.

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97.	Muppado Johan	20	VI. Form	Rajahmundry		Sunday-school, First Church, Greensburg, Pa.
98.	Torta Juvaratnam	13	II. Form	Dowlaishwaram		Mission Band, Trinity, Bangor, Pa.
99.	Kartragarda Shadrack	17	IV. Form	Bhimawaram		Sunday-school, St. Stephen's, Toledo, O.
100.						Bertha Walter's Class, Tacoma, Wash.
101.	Alamuri Paul	15	III. Form	Bhimawaram		Mary E. Showalter, Trinity, Norristown, Pa.
102.	Taluri Krupadanam	14	II. Form	Bhimawaram		Luther League, Racine, Wis.
103.	Mannukonda Sadhuru	13	II. Form	Bhimawaram		Redeemer and Epiphany churches, Milwaukee, Wis.
104.	Durma Joseph	14	IV. Stand.	Tallapudi		Mission League, First Church, Monaca, Pa.
105.	Ravi Benjamin	10	IV. Stand.	Bhimawaram		Mission League, First Church, Monaca, Pa.
106.	Pilli Jacob	13	I. Form	Dowlaishwaram		Woman's Society, Redeemer, Albany, N. Y.
107.	Pilli Juvaratnam	9	IV. Stand.	Samulkot		Ladies' Missionary Society, Chicago Lake, Minn.
108.	Pattala Abel	16	III. Form	Dowlaishwaram		J. H. Leippe, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
109.						
110.	Deva Jacob	11	III. Stand.	Dowlaishwaram		J. H. Keppelman and others, Reading, Pa.
111.	Sheik Alli Shelomiel	10	III. Stand.	Samulkot		Woman's Missionary Society, Reading, Pa.
112.	Moka Juvaratnam	12	I. Form	Dowlaishwaram		D. Richards and others, Reading, Pa.
113.	Pilli Cornelius	13	II. Form	Dowlaishwaram		W. S. Mohr, Reading, Pa.
114.						Miss Mohr and others, Reading, Pa.
115.	Dylapelli Richard	15	III. Form	Tallapudi		Judge G. A. Endlich, Reading, Pa.
116.	Busi Peter	15	III. Form	Bhimawaram		A. R. Bard and others, Reading, Pa.
117.						
118.	Kolli Peter	13	II. Form	Tadepallegudem		Sunday-school, Trinity, Mt. Joy, Pa.
119.						Mrs. H. S. Muhlenberg, Reading, Pa.
120.	Pattula Judah	15	I. Form	Tadepallegudem		St. Paul's, Rochester, N. Y.
121.	Gollapalli Nathan	12	II. Form	Tadepallegudem		John Mayer, Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y.
122.	Portla Elisha	17	II. Form	Tadepallegudem		Boys' Mission Band, Emmanuel, Pottstown, Pa.
123.	Nutipudi Jacob	13	II. Form	Tadepallegudem		Mission Class, Swedish Church, Brockton, Mass.
124.	Vipparti Israel	14	II. Form	Tadepallegudem		Bethany Church, Nebraska Conference.
125.	Budidi Shadrack	12	IV. Stand.	Tadepallegudem		Sunday-school, St. Michael's, Sellersville, Pa.
126.						Kate Shoemaker, Greensburg, Pa.
127.						Mrs. Behler and others, St. Maria, Shellsville, Pa.
128.						Luther League, Butler, Pa.
129.						St. Michael's Church, Sellersville, Pa.
130.	Ganji David	15	III. Form	Tadepallegudem	Ehrhart Memorial	Grace, New York City.
131.	Kaki Krupadanam	13	II. Form	Dowlaishwaram		Junior Missionary Society, Trinity, Lancaster, Pa.
132.	Dolla Jesudass	18	II. Form	Dowlaishwaram		Young People's Society, Ljunghed, Albert City, Iowa.
133.	Kayala Jesudass	13	I. Form	Dowlaishwaram		Sunday-school, Resurrection, Brooklyn, N. Y.
134.						Mission Band, St. John's, Pittsburg, Pa.
135.						
136.	Geddam Gabriel	15	I. Form	Tadepallegudem		Woman's Missionary Society, St. Mark's, S. Bethlehem, Pa.
137.						Luther League, St. Peter's, Chicago, Ill.
138.						
139.	Voba Jesudas	12	I. Form	Tadepallegudem		Luther League, Trinity, Pottsville, Pa.
140.	Chilla Mark	18	VI. Form	Bhimawaram		Mrs. W. B. Grosh, St. Augustine, Fla.
141.	Arigela Jacob	18	III. Form	Tadepallegudem		Mrs. P. S. Ermold and others, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
142.	Jetti Swaminandam	9	IV. Stand.	Samulkot		Sunday-school, St. John's, Meadville, Pa.
143.	Paduri Prakasem	17	II. Form	Dowlaishwaram		Passavant Missionary Circle, Luther Memorial, Erie, Pa.

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1.	Kartaka Mary	July 1, 1892	VI.	Bhimawaram		Mrs. Glasow's S. S. Class, Zion's, Johnstown, Pa.
2.	Dudalla Kantama	Jan. 1, 1896	II.	Bhimawaram		Sunday-school, Zion's, Treverton, Pa.
3.	Pottula Kantama	July 1, 1893	V.	Tadepallegudem	Dorcas	Ladies' Aid, Milverton, Can.
4.	Jeli Kempuratnam	July 1, 1895	IV. A	Tadepallegudem	Ella Heller	Mrs. O. S. Heller, Redeemer, Binghamton, N. Y.
5.	Lankapalli P. Shantama	July 1, 1893	IV. A	Tadepallegudem	Mary Kline	Woman's Miss. Soc., St. Michael's, Allentown, Pa.
6.	Lankapalli C. Shantama	July 1, 1894	IV. A	Tadepallegudem	Louisa Weger Hofer	Rev. B. F. Hofer, Toledo, O.
7.	Vara Kantama	July 1, 1897	IV. B	Tadepallegudem		Mission Workers, St. John's, Phila.
8.	Notangi Prasadham	May 15, 1897	IV. B	Tallapudi		Class 52, S. S., Trinity, Reading.
9.	Jeli Sundari	July 1, 1893	IV. A	Bhimawaram	Marie Eaton	Sunday-school, First Church, Pittsburg.
10.	Udumudi Kempuratnam	July 1, 1895	III.	Tadepallegudem	Catharine Von Bora	Ladies of St. John's, Pittston, Pa.
11.	Pidakala Annama	July 1, 1893	IV. A	Bhimawaram	Emma L. Mehrkam	Y. W. M. S., St. John's, Columbia, Pa.
12.	Gollapalli Rhoda	July 1, 1894	III.	Tadepallegudem		Mission Band, St. Paul, Millville, N. J.
13.	Kondeti Ratnam	April 15, 1895	III.	Dowlaishwaram		Mission Circle, St. John's, Pittston, Pa.
14.	Kandavalli Naomi	July 1, 1894	IV. B	Bhimawaram		Mission Circle, St. John's, Pittston, Pa.
15.	Sarapella Kantama	Apr. 15, 1897	IV. B	Bhimawaram		Young Ladies' Class, S. S., Swedeburg, Neb.
16.	*Vagiri Shantama	Apr. 5, 1895	III.	Bhimawaram		St. John's, Erie, Pa.
17.	Battu Ruth	July 1, 1892	III.	Dowlaishwaram		Mrs. Dinkey's S. S. Class, Reformation, Rochester, N. Y.
18.	Betala Lydia	July 27, 1893	V.	Bhimawaram		Children's Miss. Band, Elgin, Ill.
19.	Betala Emelia	Aug. 24, 1893	V.	Bhimawaram		Sunday-school, San Jose, Cal., Rev. Meyer.
20.	Nootampudi Bhagyavati	May 31, 1899	I.	Samulkot		Mission Band, Emmanuel, Swedish, Chicago.
21.	Sarapella Martha	Nov. 15, 1898	II.	Bhimawaram		Bible Class, Atonement, Buffalo.
22.	Injamala Satyavati	July 1, 1893	IV. A	Tadepallegudem		
23.	Padavala Shantama	May 20, 1895	III.	Bhimawaram		Earnest Workers, Redeemer, Albany, N. Y.
24.	Kandavalli Shantama	July 15, 1897	III.	Samulkot		Zion's, Lunenberg, Nova Scotia.
25.	Namabhaktulu Martha	May 15, 1895	IV. A	Kurokonda	George Bateman	Mrs. Geo. Bateman, Norristown, Pa.
26.	Uba Sundarama	Sept. 15, 1899	III.	Samulkot		Mission Band, Washington, Pa.
27.	†Maka Dinama	July 15, 1899	II.	Dowlaishwaram		Sunday-school, Grace, Newark, N. J.
28.	Edla Jemima	July 1, 1888	VII.	Dowlaishwaram		
29.	*Janga Manikiam	July 12, 1898	I.	Dowlaishwaram		Class 54, S. S., Kate Worley, Trinity, Reading.
30.	Sarella Annama	Oct. 23, 1897	IV. A	Bhimawaram		
31.	Matta Suryakantama	Jan. 15, 1897	III.	Bhimawaram		Augustana Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society.
32.	Kandru Shantama	Dec. 10, 1896	II.	Bhimawaram		Mrs. I. O. Baker, Washington, D. C.
33.	Veeravalli Kantama	Apr. 12, 1892	VII.	Dowlaishwaram		Sunday-school, Leechburg, Pa.
34.	Mogalapu Ratnam	Dec. 15, 1889	VI.	Dowlaishwaram	Sister Amelia	Deaconess Mother House, Milwaukee, Wis.
35.	Polumuru Eleanora	Jan. 1, 1892	VI.	Bhimawaram		
36.	Genji Kantama	July 20, 1895	IV. A	Bhimawaram		Junior League, Penns Sta., Pa.
37.	Matta Esther	Nov. 13, 1896	IV. B	Bhimawaram		Augustana Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society.
38.	Pidakala Eva	Jan. 15, 1897	IV. A	Bhimawaram		Sunday-school, Holy Trinity, Chicago.
39.	Prodduku Annama	Sept. 9, 1894	IV. B	Dowlaishwaram		Sunday-school, Zion's, Johnstown, Pa.
40.	Irlapati Gnanaratnam	June 15, 1895	IV. B	Bhimawaram		Missionary Society, Warren, Pa.
41.	Jota Annama	July 1, 1897	IV. B	Tadepallegudem		St. John's, Erie, Pa.
42.	Erram Rhoda	Jan. 1, 1897	III.	Bhimawaram		Junior League, Grace, Reading, Pa.
43.	Ganta Kantama	Jan. 15, 1894	III.	Bhimawaram		Mustard Seed Society, Messiah, Burlington, Iowa.
44.	Kadiam Kantama	July 1, 1892	VII.	Tallapudi		Junior League, Grace, Reading, Pa.

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45.	Deva Shantama	Sept. 10, 1894	IV. A	Dowlaishwaram	Emma Rasch Memorial	Lena Rasch, Zelienople, Pa.
46.	Boosi Martha	Aug. 24, 1897	I.	Samulkot		Susan Hannah, Trinity, Reading.
47.	Giddi Alice	Aug. 4, 1893	VII.	Dowlaishwaram		Kings' Daughters, Trinity, Buffalo.,
48.	Raya Alice	July 1, 1891	VII.	Dowlaishwaram		Adelia Monson, Spokane, Wash.
49.	Momadalu Krupavati	July 1, 1894	IV. A	Tallapudi		Mission Band, Daytona, Iowa.
50.	Kadiam Mary	July 1, 1896	IV. A	Tallapudi		Young Ladies Society, St. Mark's, Philadelphia, Pa.
51.	Tuluri Kantama	July 1, 1892	VI.	Dowlaishwaram		Miss Etta Fackiner, Summit, N. J.
52.	Nalli Dinama	July 25, 1892	VII.	Dowlaishwaram	Marie Teleen	S. F. Teleen, New York.
53.	Bondela Manikiam	July 1, 1893	VI.	Tadepallegudem		Woman's Missionary Society, St. Paul's, Orwigsburg, Pa.
54.	Godi Alice	June 29, 1898	II.	Bhimawaram		Catechumens, Christ, Hazleton, Pa.
55.	Potumudi Kantama	June 23, 1896	IV. B	Dowlaishwaram		Deaconess Mother House, Milwaukee, Wis.
56.	Gollapalli Rhoda	July 1, 1896	IV. B	Tadepallegudem		Girls' Mission Band, Christ, Hazleton, Pa.
57.	Pidakala Grace	July 1, 1892	VI.	Bhimawaram		Messiah, Chicago.
58.	Pidakala Sundari	July 1, 1892	VI.	Bhimawaram		Woman's Missionary Society, Trinity, Danville, Pa.
59.	Kavadapu Katie	Apr. 7, 1896	V.	Dowlaishwaram		Bible Class, St. Michael's, Philadelphia, Pa.
60.	Karra Manikiam	Mar. 12, 1894	IV. B	Bhimawaram		Bible Class, Mt. Michael's, Philadelphia, Pa.
61.	Gidla Kantama	Dec. 21, 1898	II.	Samulkot		Young Ladies' Missionary Society, Grace, Youngstown, O.
62.	Gidla Manikiam	Sept. 9, 1892	VI.	Samulkot		St. Mark's, Fargo, N. Dak.
63.	Madda Shantama	Nov. 23, 1893	IV. A	Bhimawaram		Bible Class, Gustavus Adolphus, Pittsburg.
64.	Edi Victoria	Jan. 3, 1894	IV. A	Bhimawaram		Young Ladies' Missionary Society, Grace, Youngstown, O.
65.	Pamu Mary	July 15, 1892	V.	Dowlaishwaram		Luther League, St. Paul's, Morrisburg, Ont.
66.	Edla Paranjotama	Jan. 30, 1893	VI.	Kurokonda		Woman's Missionary Society, St. Michael's, Allentown, Pa.
67.	Namabhaktulu Satyavati	Dec., 1892	VI.	Dowlaishwaram		Caroline Guther, St. Luke's, Philadelphia, Pa.
68.	Kakulapati Krupavati	July 1, 1897	II.	Tallapudi		Junior Missionary Society, St. James, Reading.
69.	Mogalapu Dipi Kama	July 15, 1890	VI.	Dowlaishwaram		Conestoga, Ont., Rev. O. Linke.
70.	Kakulapati Mary	July 1, 1899	I.	Tallapudi		Girls' Mission Band, Christ's, Hazleton, Pa.
71.	Uba Mary	Mar. 15, 1899	I.	Samulkot		Woman's Missionary Society, Redeemer, Binghamton, N. Y.
72.	Matti Gnanaratnam	Feb. 9, 1894	IV. A	Bhimawaram		Mrs. B. M. (Gustav) Johnson, Gaze City, Kan.
73.	Mallipuvulu Jemima	Nov. 15, 1896	IV. B	Dowlaishwaram		Benton Cong., Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
74.	Matti Krupavati	July 1, 1896	IV. B	Bhimawaram		Jeannette Keller's S. S. Class, St. Peter's, Philadelphia.
75.	Mellimi Shantama	July 1, 1894	IV. A	Dowlaishwaram		Augustana Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society.
76.	Addanki Susanna	July 1, 1893	VI.	Bhimawaram		Earnest Workers, Redeemer, Albany, N. Y.
77.	Elipe Karuna	Nov. 2, 1891	V.	Bhimawaram		Ladies' Society, Elizabethville, Pa.
78.	Medipati Mary	June 15, 1896	III.	Bhimawaram		Holy Trinity, Chester, Pa.
79.	Battini Annama	Sept. 7, 1895	IV. B	Dowlaishwaram		Mission Workers, St. John's, Philadelphia, Pa.
80.	Raya Dinama	July 1, 1894	IV. A	Dowlaishwaram		
81.	Gopala Ratnama	July 1, 1896	V.	Dowlaishwaram		Sunday-school, Luther Memorial, Erie, Pa.
82.	Karre Ratnama	Jan. 15, 1894	VI.	Samulkot		Sister Ida Buck, Epileptic Home, Rochester, Pa.
83.	†Addanki Asirvadama	June 23, 1897	III.	Bhimawaram		Miss Cornelius' Class, S. S., Trinity, Buffalo.
84.	Palli Eleanora	July 18, 1894	V.	Dowlaishwaram		Young Woman's Bible Class, Trinity, Buffalo.
85.	*Bikkay Sarah	July 15, 1897	III.	Samulkot		Sunday-school, Holy Trinity, Brooklyn.
86.	*Thorlapati Martha	July 1, 1898	III.	Tallapudi		Mrs. Hoffman, St. John's, Philadelphia.
87.	Kasi Satyavati	July 1, 1892	IV. B	Dowlaishwaram		Mrs. Hoffman, St. John's, Philadelphia.
88.	Pidakala Rhoda	July 1, 1894	V.	Bhimawaram		Dorcas Society, St. Peter's, English, Philadelphia.
89.	Kaluturu Mary	July 1, 1893	V.	Bhimawaram	Aunt Mary Eisenhart	Mission Band, St. Michael's, Allentown.

LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE GIRLS' CENTRAL SCHOOL, JUNE 1, 1907 (Continued).

No.	Name.	Birthday.	Class.	District.	Scholarship.	Supporter.
90.	Taluri Kempuratnam	Feb. 22, 1897	IV. B	Bhimawaram		Missionary Society, Warren, Pa.
91.	Kakara Annama	July 15, 1899	I.	Samulkot		Woman's Missionary Society, St. Luke's, Allentown, Pa.
92.	Palangi Mary	July 1, 1896	IV. A	Dowlaishwaram		Sunday-school, Ascension, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia.
93.	Gosala Karuna	Apr. 15, 1893	IV. A	Kurokonda		Girls' Mission Band, Transfiguration, Pottstown, Pa.
94.	Nootampati Surya Kantama	Nov. 14, 1894	IV. B	Dowlaishwaram		Woman's Missionary Society, Christ's, Elizabethtown, Pa.
95.	Vidyana Satyavati	July 1, 1895	IV. A	Samulkot	W. F. Ulery	Sunday-school, Greenville, Pa.
96.	Kollabattulu Manikiam	July 1, 1893	IV. A	Dowlaishwaram	J. W. Oberly	Sunday-school, Greenville, Pa.
97.	Vidyana Alice	July 1, 1897	IV. B	Samulkot	T. H. Lane	Sunday-school First Church, Pittsburg.
98.	Moora Kantama	Sept. 15, 1894	IV. A	Dowlaishwaram		Luther League, Emmanuel, Allegheny, Pa.
99.	Notangi Ketura	Apr. 6, 1894	IV. A	Tallapudi		Sunday-school, Trinity, Mt. Joy, Pa.
100.	Sarelli Mary	July 1, 1896	IV. B	Dowlaishwaram		Luther League, Zion's, Greensburg, Pa.
101.	†Kakarla Karuna	July 1, 1899	Infant	Tallapudi	Passavant	Deaconess Mother House, Milwaukee.
102.	Cheybattulu Alice	July 1, 1894	V.	Bhimawaram		Augustana Woman's H. & F. Missionary Society.
103.	Arthala Karuna	Aug. 15, 1896	IV. A	Bhimawaram		Augustana Woman's H. & F. Missionary Society.
104.	*Dasi Shantama	Aug. 15, 1898	Infant	Tanuku		Augustana Woman's H. & F. Missionary Society.
105.	Geddamu Ratnama	July 1, 1895	IV. B	Dowlaishwaram		Augustana Woman's H. & F. Missionary Society.
106.	Chedaladi Satyavati	Jan. 26, 1892	IV. A	Tallapudi		Augustana Woman's H. & F. Missionary Society.
107.	Bonu Shantama	Jan. 26, 1898	I.	Samulkot		Sunday-school, Holy Communion, Philadelphia.
108.	†Alamoori Dayavati	June 15, 1898	I.	Tanuku.		
109.	Kakarlu Shantama	July 1, 1900	I.	Tallapudi		Mission Circle, Zion's, Erie, Pa.
110.	Pantagani Esther	July 1, 1893	VI.	Bhimawaram		Mission Circle, Grace, Rochester, N. Y.
111.	Siddela Chilakama	Mar. 31, 1896	III.	Tallapudi		Mission Circle, Grace, Rochester, N. Y.
112.	Padala Christiana	July 1, 1895	II.	Kurokonda.		
113.	Nitipudi Sundari	Mar. 15, 1893	IV. B	Tanuku		Mission Band, Jerusalem Church, Schwenksville, Pa.
114.	Manukonda Ruth	July 1, 1897	IV. B	Bhimawaram	Vandalia	Luther League, Vandalia, Ill.
115.	Kollabattulu Ratnama	July 1, 1897	II.	Dowlaishwaram		Temple Children, St. Peter's, North Wales, Pa.
116.	Penumaka Sarah	July 1. 1896	II.	Tallapudi		Woman's Missionary Society, Emmanuel, Pottstown.
117.	*Madda Krupavati	Jan. 21, 1893	IV. A	Bhimawaram	Alma	Swedish Church, Mead, Neb.
118.	Madda Dinama	Aug. 15, 1894	IV. A	Bhimawaram		Ladies' Aid, Trinity, Jamestown, N. Y.
119.	Tota Sarah	July 1, 1893	V.	Bhimawaram		Swedish Church, Bethany, Neb.
120.	Gootla Shantama	May 30, 1892	V.	Bhimawaram		Woman's Missionary Society, St. John's, Auburn, Pa.
121.	Padavala Mary	July 1, 1896	III.	Bhimawaram.		
122.	Ella Guanaratnam	July 1, 1894	II.	Tadepallegudem		Industrial School, Advent, New York.
123.	Kunchilapelli Kantama	July 1, 1897	III.	Bhimawaram.		
124.	Roya Mary	July 15, 1897	III.	Samulkot.		
125.	Arthala Lydia	July 1, 1898	I.	Tanuku.		
126.	Katem Diama	Nov.13, 1898	III.	Dowlaishwaram.		
127.	Mallipuvulu Anantama	April 2, 1899	I.	Dowlaishwaram.		
128.	Konupudi Kantama	July 1, 1896	II.	Dowlaishwaram.		
129.	Gummadi Susanna	July 1, 1896	II.	Dowlaishwaram.		
130.	Potumati Annama	Nov. 5, 1897	III.	Dowlaishwaram.		
131.	Potumati Janakama	Jan. 1, 1894	III.	Dowlaishwaram.		
132.	Kollabattulu Manikiam	July 1, 1899	Infant	Dowlaishwaram.		

NOTE.—Those marked (†) have been substituted for pupils who died of cholera during the epidemic in 1906. Those marked (*) have been substituted for dismissed.

LIST OF NATIVE WORKERS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS, JUNE 1, 1907.

No.	Name.	Work.	District.	Supporters.
1.	Lankapalli Benjamin	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Woman's Miss. Soc., Leechburg, Pa.
2.	Vungara Sreeramalu	Catechist	Rangoon	Ascension, St. Mark's, St. Michael's, Wm. F. Monroe, Phila.
3.	Mangamani Jerusadaso	Evangelist	Dowlaishwaram	Young Ladies' Soc., Scottdale, Pa.
4.	Thata Samuel	Catechist	Samulkot	Swedish Church, Lindsborg, Kan.
5.	Mallepu William	Evangelist	Dowlaishwaram	
6.	P. Salome	Bible Woman	Rajahmundry	Rev. and Mrs. Critchlow, Jamestown, New York.
7.	Magalapu Lazarus	Evangelist	Dowlaishwaram	Clara Fichthorn, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
8.	Vellagopalli Prakasem	Teacher	Bhimawaram	L. L., Beaver Falls, Pa.
9.	Pidikala Gamaliel	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Ladies' Miss. Soc., Morrisburg, Ont.
10.	Godi Paradesi	Catechist	Bhimawaram	S. S., First Church, Galesburg, Ill.
11.	Kandikatla Agnes	Bible Woman	Rajahmundry	First Church, Plattsville, Wis.
12.	Pilli James	Catechist	Rajahmundry	L. L., Salem, Minneapolis.
13.	Chikkele Joseph	Catechist	Rajahmundry	Woman's H. & F. Miss. Soc., Augustana Synod.
14.	Battini John	Evangelist	Dowlaishwaram	Wm. Benbow, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
15.	Kandavalli David	Teacher	Samulkot	Bible Class, Emmanuel, Swedish, Chicago.
16.	Aruloppu Anandappan	Teacher	Tallapudi	Grace, Lancaster, Pa.
17.	Palapati Samuel	Catechist	Bhimawaram	Emanuel, Evanston, Ill.
18.	Nela Isaac	Catechist	Bhimawaram	Dorcas Soc., Common Falls, Minn.
19.	Gidla Timothy	Teacher	Samulkot	S. S., Swedish Ch., Calumet, Mish.
20.	Matta Cornelius	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Allentown Conf., Woman's H. & F. Miss. Soc.
21.	Pidikala Ezekiel	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Conf. Class, Swedish Church, Sabylund, Minn.
22.	Varhanapu Jesudass	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Dorcas Soc., Zion's, Swea City, Ia.
23.	Patteru David	Teacher	Bhimawaram	St. Mark's, Williamsport, Pa.
24.	Alerti Lazarus	Teacher	Bhimawaram	
25.	Godi Mary Ann	Teacher	Bhimawaram	
26.	Pidikala Caleb	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Young Men's Bible Class, Trinity, Buffalo.
27.	Kateru Jeremias	Evangelist	Dowlaishwaram	St. John's, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
28.	Rev. J. William	Pastor	Bhimawaram	Chicago Synod.
29.	Raya David	Evangelist	Samulkot	S. S., Bethany, Lindsborg, Kan.
30.	Kurray Moses	Evangelist	Samulkot	Bible Class, Immanuel, Chicago.
31.	Raya Thomas	Evangelist	Dowlaishwaram	S. S. Emmanuel, German, Philadelphia.
32.	Patti Aaron	Teacher	Tadepallegudem	Mrs. Hoffman, Trinity, Buffalo.
33.	J. Anna	Bible Woman	Dowlaishwaram	Mrs. and Miss Kate Sadtler, Baltimore.
34.	Jerupolu John	Catechist	Samulkot	Ladies' Miss. Soc., Zion's, Rockford, Ill.

LIST OF NATIVE WORKERS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS, JUNE 1, 1907 (Continued).

No.	Name.	Work.	District.	Supporters.
35.	Jatti Venkataswamy	Evangelist	Samulkot	Bethany, Ishpeming, Mich.
36.	Patti Stephen	Teacher	Bhimawaram	A Member, Trinity, Lancaster, Pa.
37.	Gaddam Jacob	Teacher	Bhimawaram	L. L., St. Paul's, Uniontown, Pa.
38.	Bara Satyanandam	Teacher	Dowlaishwaram	S. S., Trinity, New Haven, Conn.
39.	Nittla Philip	Catechist	Bhimawaram	Y. P. S., Augustana Church, Minneapolis.
40.	Harithasoham Shadrach	Evangelist	Samulkot	Y. P. S., Augustana Church, Minneapolis.
41.	Jerruprolu Komarthy	Evangelist	Samulkot	Rev. A. W. Lindquist, Kansas City, Mo.
42.	Taluri Shadrach	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Class 57, S. S., Trinity, Reading, Pa.
43.	Elerti Benjamin	Catechist	Bhimawaram	John Bergman, Funk, Neb.
44.	Mylabattulu Shadrach	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Ladies' Miss. Soc., St. Peter's, New York.
45.	Pidikala Barnabas	Teacher	Bhimawaram	L. L., St. James', Portland, O.
46.	Velagapalli Shantama	Bible Woman	Rajahmundry	Alma Swd. Church, Mead, Neb.
47.	Chodadasi Ratnama	Bible Woman	Rajahmundry	Swd. Church, Salemsburg, Kan.
48.	Polamuri Meschech	Catechist	Bhimawaram	
49.	Manukondu Lazarus	Evangelist	Bhimawaram	
50.	Velagapalli Alfred	Evangelist	Bhimawaram	
51.	Palaparti Nathaniel	Evangelist	Bhimawaram	
52.	Nittla Moses	Evangelist	Bhimawaram	
53.	Ella Job	Evangelist	Bhimawaram	
54.	Kandavalli Christian	Evangelist	Bhimawaram	
55.	Poturazu Mark	Evangelist	Bhimawaram	
56.	Chitturi Andrew	Evangelist	Bhimawaram	
57.	Varapulli Prakasem	Evangelist	Samulkot	
58.	Batta Devathanan	Evangelist	Samulkot	
59.	Nalli Thomas	Evangelist	Dowlaishwaram	
60.	Tuluri Solomon	Evangelist	Dowlaishwaram	
61.	Pilli Lazarus	Evangelist	Dowlaishwaram	
62.	Polumati Lazarus	Evangelist	Dowlaishwaram	

NOTE.—1. The amount fixed for the support of a Catechist is $50.00 a year; for an Evangelist, $35.00 a year; for a Teacher, $30.00 a year; for a Bible Woman, $30.00 a year; for a Colporteur, $20.00 a year.

2. The list published does not, of course, include all of our native workers, whose number is over 300. Only those assigned and a few additional names are published, the latter to indicate that those who wish to enter the list as supporters may get assignments.

STATISTICAL EXHIBIT FOR 1905-1906.

Serial No.	Town or Taluq or Field.	Membership at the close of 1904.				Additions during 1905 and 1906.						Losses during 1905 and 1906.						Net Increase or Decrease during 1905 and 1906.
						By Baptism.												
		Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	From other Missions.	By Restoration.	Total Additions.	By Death.	By Backsliding.	Excommunication.	To other Villages.	To other Missions.	Total Losses.	
1	St. Paul's Church, Rajahmundry	73	83	81	237	15	37	52	.....	.....	52	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	+ 35
2	Bhimavaram Field	2207	2010	2729	6946	391	551	942	.....	.....	942	288	45	.....	.....	.....	333	+ 609
3	Korukonda Field	47	37	49	133	34	15	49	.....	.....	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	+ 49
4	Dowlaishwaram Town	132	126	98	356	19	9	28	.....	.....	28	7	.....	.....	.....	8	15	+ 13
5	Dowlaishwaram Field	552	419	512	1483	37	27	64	.....	18	82	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	+ 63
6	Samulkot Town	31	26	30	87	9	9	18	.....	.....	18	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	+ 15
7	Samulkot Field	260	254	228	742	99	70	169	.....	107	276	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	+ 258
8	Tallapudi Field	300	282	696	1278	48	89	137	.....	.....	137	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	+ 98
9	Tadepalligudem Field	247	196	457	900	123	150	273	.....	.....	273	37	.....	7	18	.....	62	+ 211
10	Boys' Central School	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	Girls' Central School	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	Zenana Work	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	Medical Work	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14	Hindu Girls' Schools	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	Training Institution for Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	Rajahmundry High School	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	Peddapur High School	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Totals	3849	3433	4880	12162	775	957	1732	.....	125	1857	428	45	7	18	8	506	+1351

STATISTICAL EXHIBIT FOR 1905-1906 (Continued).

Serial No.	Town or Taluq or Field.	Membership at the close of 1906.				Communicants.		Inquirers.	Sunday-schools.			Support of Mission Work.														
												Benevolence.			Other Cash Receipts.			Kind.			Total.			Increase or decrease during 1905 and 1906		
		Men.	Women.	Children.	Total	No. Communed.	Increase or Decrease during 1905 and 1906.		No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Pupils.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
1	St. Paul's Church, Rajahmundry	78	85	109	272	156	+ 48	20	1	20	310	*953	1	4	.....	..	..	.....	..	..	953	1	4	+ 105	11	11
2	Bhimavaram Field	2326	2171	3058	7555	3715	+232	400	51	68	1768	1616	5	...	3355	10	3	1038	..	..	6009	15	3	+2544	3	2
3	Korukonda Field	71	47	64	182	118	+ 59	60	....	....	....	†94	7	11	133	9	..	49	..	..	277	0	11	+ 223	10	5
4	Dowlaishwaram Town	146	119	104	369	265	.....	31	....	....	....	271	10	8	248	12	..	....	..	..	520	6	8	+ 208	12	..
5	Dowlaishwaram Field	589	443	514	1546	1040	.....	389	....	....	....	248	0	6	478	12	8	127	..	..	853	13	2	+ 310	15	3
6	Samulkot Town	30	33	39	102	60	.....	20	3	5	110	58	1	...	.....	..	..	....	..	..	58	1	..	.....	..	..
7	Samulkot Field	338	333	329	1000	602	.....	130	16	19	470	327	14	3	496	10	..	....	..	..	824	8	3	.....	..	..
8	Tallapudi Field	332	304	740	1376	560	+ 64	300	28	29	300	146	3	2	544	2	..	30	..	..	720	5	2	+ 492	10	5
9	Tadepalligudem Field	299	248	564	1111	520	— 20	200	15	17	340	423	7	2	621	13	..	80	..	..	1125	4	2	+ 300	..	..
10	Boys' Central School.....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	.....	..	..	....	..	..	.....	..	..	.....	..	..
11	Girls' Central School.....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	900	..	..	....	..	..	900	..	..	.....	..	..
12	Zenana Work	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	.....	..	..	....	..	..	.....	..	..	.....	..	..
13	Medical Work	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	3	6	90	....	....	...	2805	..	..	....	..	..	2805	..	..	.....	..	..
14	Hindu Girls' Schools.....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	6	16	187	....	....	...	485	..	..	....	..	..	485	..	..	.....	..	..
15	Training Institution for Girls..	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	1949	12	3	....	..	..	1949	12	3	.....	..	..
16	Rajahmundry High School.....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	2131	13	10	....	..	..	2131	13	10	.....	..	..
17	Peddapur High School.....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	8088	..	6	....	..	..	8088	..	6	.....	..	..
	Totals	4209	3783	5521	13513	7036	403	1550	123	180	3575	4139	3	...	22238	15	6	1324	..	..	27702	2	6	4182	..	..

* Including Rs. 192.3.0, contributed to the M. Aux. Bible Society.

† Including Rs. 13.11.0, contributed to the M. Aux. Bible Society.

STATISTICAL EXHIBIT FOR 1905-1906 (Continued).

Serial No.	Town or Taluq or Field.	Schools.									Buildings.					Marriages.	Workers.												Villages in which are Christians or Inquirers		Congregations.	
			Pupils.														Native.									Foreign.							
			Christians.			Others.																											
		No. of Schools.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Grand Total.	Increase or Decrease during 1905-1906.	Bungalows.	Churches.	Prayer or School Houses.	Teachers' Houses.	Hospitals.		Pastors.	Catechists.	Evangelists.	B. & T. Colporteur	Bible Women.	School Teachers.	Total Native Workers.	Increase or Decrease, 1905-1906.	Ord'd Missionaries.	Lady Missionaries.	Wives Missionaries	No. of Villages.	Increase or Decrease, 1905-1906.	No. of Congregations.	Increase or Decrease, 1905-1906.
1	St. Paul's Ch., Rajahmundry.	...	....	...	....	....	...	....	....	.....	1	1	...	7	..	6	..	1	..	1	..	...	2	....	2	..	2	...	....	1	....
2	Bhimavaram Field	74	631	480	1111	580	277	857	1968	— 36	..	2	67	7	..	156	1	7	13	1	..	74	96	—16	1	..	1	112	+ 1	104	— 1
3	Korukonda Field	9	8	9	17	127	38	165	182	.....	..	..	8	3	..	3	..	2	2	..	..	9	13	+ 1	1	..	..	17	+ 4	11	....
4	Dowlaishwaram Town	3	39	23	62	41	33	74	136	+ 51	1	1	3	2	..	3	..	1	1	..	1	5	8	+ 1	1	..	1	1	....	1	....
5	Dowlaishwaram Field	35	169	156	325	330	126	456	781	+120	..	2	35	28	..	11	..	..	5	1	..	32	38	+ 4	..	..	..	71	+10	59	+ 5
6	Samulkot Town	3	12	7	19	87	21	108	127	.....	..	1	3	3	..	...	1	..	..	..	..	...	1	....	..	..	..	...	....	....	....
7	Samulkot Field	16	43	45	88	309	110	419	507	+107	1	..	15	11	..	6	..	1	7	..	2	18	28	+ 1	1	..	1	61	+ 3	18	....
8	Tallapudi Field	28	....	...	255	....	...	120	375	++ 25	1	1	8	..	..	8	..	1	4	..	..	28	33	....	1	..	..	87	....	22	....
9	Tadepalligudem Field	17	95	55	150	180	65	245	395	+ 5	1	2	11	2	..	25	..	..	7	..	..	20	27	....	1	..	..	64	....	25	....
10	Boys' Central School.....	1	115	...	115	....	...	....	115	.....	..	..	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	9	9	....	..	..	..	...	....	....	....
11	Girls' Central School.....	1	1	151	152	....	7	7	159	+ 24	1	..	1	1	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	....	..	1	..	...	....	....	....
12	Zenana Work	...	....	...	....	....	...	....	....	.....	1	..	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	5	...	5	....	..	1	..	...	....	....	....
13	Medical Work	...	....	...	....	....	...	....	....	.....	1	..	...	..	1	...	..	..	..	..	3	...	3	....	..	3	..	...	....	....	....
14	Hindu Girls' Schools.....	6	....	13	13	....	239	239	252	.....	..	..	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	14	14	....	..	2	..	...	....	....	....
15	Training Institution for Girls.	1	....	13	13	....	1	1	14	.....	..	..	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	....	..	..	..	...	....	....	....
16	Rajahmundry High School..	1	‡145	...	145	220	...	220	365	.....	1	..	1	2	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	....	1	..	..	...	....	....	....
17	Peddapur High School.....	1	10	...	10	350	...	350	360	.....	..	..	1	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	24	24	....	..	..	..	...	....	....	....
	Totals	196	1268	952	2475	2224	917	3261	5736	+332	9	10	153	66	1	218	2	13	39	3	11	246	314	— 9	9	7	5	413	+18	241	+ 4

‡ Of this 115 are already counted in Boys' Central School.

The consideration of the Foreign Mission report was suspended in order to permit the consideration of the German Home Mission report.

The Rev. E. C. J. Kraehling, president, and the Rev. H. D. E. Siebott, treasurer, of the German Home Mission Board, then presented their respective reports.

REPORT OF THE GERMAN HOME MISSION BOARD.

A ship, having passed through a terrific gale, weatherbeaten and somewhat damaged, but still pursuing its course unerringly—such is the present state of the German Home Mission Board of the General Council. It was a stormy voyage indeed, and at times it looked as though the craft would have to be abandoned. When two years ago the present Board was authorized by this venerable body to continue the work in the far Northwest, as well as on the Pacific coast, the outlook was none too good. The gains that had been made were offset by the losses incurred, and the Board asked itself, "Will it be possible to retrieve those losses? or shall we keep on losing?" That question has been answered, and what the answer is I can describe best by using the words of a noted General in the war of the Revolution, who reported to his senior officer: "I found it necessary either to retreat or to advance—I have done both!" While we retreated in some instances, we advanced in others. If we are asked why we retreated, I say: just for one reason and one alone, viz., we did not have the men we needed, men who are willing and able to preach the Gospel to their scattered brethren in the German tongue. While we succeeded in getting a few men from abroad, one from Africa and one from the Chicago Seminary, through the efforts of Dr. Kunzmann, Ohio has taken twelve men from its seminaries and sent them up into our mission field, taking possession of as many parishes, which should have been supplied by us. And that Missouri has not neglected her opportunities, those of us who have watched the reports, as sent out through the church papers, know fully well.

NO MISSION SUPERINTENDENT.

The question, whether our Board should create the office of a Mission Superintendent was ventilated thoroughly by the Board at various times and at last was answered definitely in a negative

way. There were especially three weighty reasons, which did not permit us to come to any other conclusion. First of all, we must not lose sight of the fact, that our missionaries in Canada have founded a Synod, presided over by a President, whose rights and duties are clearly defined and set forth in a Synodical constitution. Whatever pertains to the need and welfare of the pastors and congregations, which are connected with the Synod is *eo ipso* his business, and he is held responsible for his actions and decisions by the Synod. A similar state of affairs exists in Oregon. If our Mission Board should elect a Mission Superintendent who would visit the field, it would be next to impossible for him to avoid collisions with the President of the Synod or District. To enter fully into details is unnecessary. Then, again, it would be difficult to find a man who would be both willing and qualified under existing circumstances to undertake that work and carry it out to the satisfaction of all concerned. Such a man would need an unusual amount of tact, would constantly tread on dangerous ground and would be exposed to all kinds of criticisms in spite of his best intentions. Last, but not least, there is the question of salary to be considered and the expenses connected with traveling such great distances. What would it cost the Board yearly to have such a man? One thousand; two thousand; three thousand dollars? A man, who is always on the go, east and west, north and south, would have to draw a salary of at least $3000. This the Manitoba Pastoral Conference of the Manitoba Synod has recognized and has adopted the following resolution: "While recognizing fully the desirability of a Mission Superintendent for the large mission field in the Northwest, the Conference would remind the German Home Mission Board, that the means which would be needed to employ a Superintendent might suffice to send at least two more missionaries [they might as well have said six] into the field, which would be a good deal more desirable." When the Treasurer of our Board, who could not be present at the June meeting heard of the decision of the Board, he wrote, that, according to his judgment, the Board had acted very wisely, for in his Synod (the Pennsylvania Synod) they were not very enthusiastic about the proposition. From Pennsylvania, however, we must not forget, our largest contributions come. We also believe, that in other Synods, which support our work, the same feeling

prevails as in Pennsylvania, in spite of some voices occasionally heard criticising us for our action. And even if the Synods were in favor of creating such an office, and if the new Superintendent should be successful in realizing $3000 yearly by giving lectures and visiting our congregations here in the East, this sum would be needed for his salary and what would our Board gain by it? These and other considerations have forced our Board to come to the conclusion that it would have to abandon the idea of calling a Mission Superintendent.

A REQUEST FROM BRAZIL.

On the second day of April, 1907, a communication was received by this Board from the President of the General Council, in which our attention was called to a request from the Rev. Mr. Kuhr, of Curityba, Parana, Brazil, for financial aid, to carry on mission work in that locality, and to help our German Lutheran brethren there to complete a church building, then in course of construction. After careful deliberation we came to the conclusion, that we were not justified in extending financial aid in that direction, as any such procedure might be misconstrued both here and abroad, since this work has been so far entirely in the hands and under the protection of the German Lutheran "Gotteskasten." This also being the view and position taken by the worthy President of the General Council, we wrote to the Rev. Mr. Kuhr to this effect, sending him brotherly greetings, stating that although we were not in a position to extend financial aid to our Lutheran brethren there, not only for the lack of funds, but mainly from the desire not to interfere with the Lutherische Gotteskasten, we rejoiced at the progress made by them, and hoped that their efforts would be crowned with success in spite of all the difficulties with which they had to struggle.

MISSIONARIES.

We have all in all twenty missionaries in the field at the present time. Of these twelve are located in Canada, one in North Dakota, one in Kentucky, five in Oregon and one in California. Those in Canada and the one in North Dakota belong to the Manitoba Synod. The one in Kentucky belongs to the New York Ministerium, and those in Oregon and the one in Califor-

nia belong to the Pacific Synod. The average salary they recieve from us is about $250 per year, some more and some less, according to the support they get from their parishes. These men all work with great zeal. They have to report quarterly to the President of the Board, who keeps in constant touch with them. For the number of communicants and other statistical matter, we refer to the statistical report, which has been carefully compiled and is appended hereto.

JUBILEE YEAR AND "SILOAH."

It was on the 25th day of October, 1881, when the General Council, in its afternoon session, appointed a committee for German Home Mission work, consisting of the following members: Revs. Dr. E. F. Mohldenke, F. Wischan, J. J. Kündig, J. H. Baden, F. W. Weiskotten and the laymen J. Born, J. C. File, A. Bendel, T. H. Diehl and F. A. Stohlmann. While a preliminary meeting held on the evening of the same day and an organization affected in the Church of the Reformation, Rochester, N. Y., the real work of the board was not considered until the second meeting, held in the 14th of November, 1881, in the Lutheran Seminary, at Philadelphia. On the motion of Dr. Kündig, it was resolved at this meeting to publish a monthly paper to further the interest of this work, and to name it "Siloah." From that time on until the present this little paper has filled its place of usefulness, and filled it well. And when our Board celebrated its 25th anniversary last year, we rejoiced especially, to have the Rev. J. J. Kündig, D.D., the founder of the paper still in our midst.

OUR NEED

Is the same today as two years ago. We need first of all more men and more financial support. When the Rev. F. P. Mayser, D.D., Lancaster, Pa., informed us some time ago that a member of his church, Mary Prange, had left our Board $1218.99 in her last will and testament, we could not help but consider it as a Godsend, for at that time our treasury was almost depleted. You have heard what the average salary is that we give to our missionaries—$250. Multiply this by twenty and you have the sum total we need at least to carry on our work during the coming year. If we receive more we may be in a

position to enlarge our work; if we receive less, we have to curtail our expenses and that means retrenchment.

When the General Council met in session at Norristown, Pa., in the fall of 1903, and the report of our Board had been read and received, one of the Fathers of the Church arose from his seat and pledged his support, accompanying his pledge with a personal donation. It was the late Rev. Dr. Seiss. That was encouraging and should remind us of the words of our Lord, "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day. The night cometh when no man can work."

Respectfully submitted in the name of the Board,

E. C. J. KRAEHLING, *Chairman.*

Statistics German Mission Board.

I. PACIFIC SYNOD, 1907.

Pastors.	Missions.	Communicant Members.	Baptized Members.	Total Offering for Missions.	Local Expenses.	Baptisms.	Burials.
Rev. B. Merz	Macksburg, Ore..	66	144	$35 00	$202 00	12	3
" "	New Era, Ore...	24	47	10 00	65 00	1	2
" "	Needy, Ore.	33	56	.....	45 00	3	..
" "	Meridian, Ore. ..	17	24	3 00	48 00	..	..
Rev. W. R. Kraxberger	Oregon City, Ore.	75	89	51 00	600 00	9	.
" "	Eugene, Ore. ...	16	28	.....	.....	..	..
Rev. F. Sack	Medford, Ore. ..	79	196	40 00	.....	16	..
Rev. M. Markert	Anaheim, Cal. ..	14	19	.....	.....	2	1
Rev. F. C. Boehner	Camas, Wash. ..	20	35	5 00	68 00	2	..
" " "	Astoria, Ore. ...	12	....	.....	.....	..	..
Rev. E. Meyer	San Jose, Cal. ..	71	84	$1,675 00	$625 00	8	8
			68				

II. MANITOBA SYNOD.

Pastors.	Missions.	Communicant Members.	Sunday-school Enrollment.
Manitoba District.			
1. Rev. A. Lamak	Russill	150	.....
" "	Friedensfeld	150	.....
" "	Plum Coulee	80	.....
" "	Brandon	70	.....
2. Rev. F. J. Fürst	Beausgour	205	40
" "	Green Bay	126	18
" "	Thalberg	137	12
" "	Grünwald	117	15
3. Rev. H. Becker	Emerson	290	.....
" "	Greenridge	104	.....
" "	Overstone	62	10
" "	Neverville	84	.....
4. Rev. P. Bähnisch	Gretna	250	40
" "	Rosenfeld	200	.....
" "	Morris	45	.....
5. Rev. Th. Hempel	Dresden, N. D.	220	.....

II. MANITOBA SYNOD—Continued.

Pastors.	Missions.	Communicant Members.	Sunday-school Enrollment.
Saskatchawan District.			
6. Rev. H. Petschke	Neudorf (country church)	550	.....
" "	Neudorf (town church)	.....	.....
" "	Wolseley	.....	.....
7. Rev. R. Roehle	Edenwald	.....	.....
8. Rev. R. Hauptmann	Pheasant Forks	56	12
" .. "	Beaver Hills	115	.....
.. .. "	Beaver Hills (P. O., Robert)	40	.....
" .. "	Beaver Hills (P. O., Hirzel)	33	.....
9. Rev. F. Pempeit	Rosthern	246	35
" "	Stony Hill	90	16
" "	Aberdeen	54	13
.. "	Gartenland	151	30
" "	Silver Grove	18	.....
.. "	Wheatwyn	47	.....
10. Rev. P. Tourney	Fairy Hill	68	12
" "	Last Mountain	47	12
Alberta District.			
11. Rev. M. Ruccius	Strathcona	260	62
" "	Stony Creek	40	.....
12. Rev. H. Walbaum	Edmonton	160	40
13. Rev. A. Lilge	Wetaskiwin	400	.....
14. Rev. F. Bredlow	Red Deer Lake	176	.....
" "	Battle River District	35	.....
" "	Stettler	80	.....
" "	Ingleton	50	.....
" "	Shooting Lake	20	.....
15. Rev. W. Willing	Leduc	95	.....
" "	Gnadenthal	85	15
" "	Heimthal	110	15
" "	Otoskwan	85	.....
" "	Hay Lake	80	.....
16. Rev. F. Loeb	Ellerslie	.....	.....

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of German Home Missions From September 21, 1905, to September 7, 1907.

I. MISSION ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Balance in treasury September 21, 1905		$ 1,395 33
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$5,084 41	
Ministerium of New York	2,122 05	
Canada Synod	641 38	
Pittsburgh Synod	350 51	
Synod of the Northwest	24 00	
Mission congregations in Oregon	156 48	
Mission congregations in Canada	23 55	
Mission congregations in North Dakota	15 65	
Mission congregations in Kentucky	7 02	
Mission congregations in Washington	5 00	
	207 70	

Other contributions	1,362 27	
Legacy from the estate of Mary Prange, deceased	1,218 99	
For monument of Rev. G. Poensgen, deceased	25 00	
For congregation of Rev. E. Meyer, San José, Cal	646 00	
Interest from bank	32 27	
		$ 11,714 59
Total		$ 13,109 92

Disbursements.

Missionaries' salaries in Canada	$6,248 50	
Missionaries' salaries in Oregon	1,750 00	
Missionaries' salaries in California	625 00	
Missionaries' salaries in North Dakota	300 00	
Missionaries' salaries in Washington	240 00	
Missionaries salaries in Kentucky	200 00	
		$ 9,363 50
Traveling expenses of missionaries	$ 815 20	
Traveling expenses of members of Board	191 01	
		1,006 21
Special appropriations to missionaries		640 00
Aid for two students at Kropp		300 00
For school purposes in Winnipeg		200 00
Forwarded to Rev. E. Meyer, San José, Cal		646 00
For monument of Rev. G. Poensgen, deceased		100 00
For printing, postage, telegrams, etc		53 38
Total		$ 12,309 10
Balance in Mission Account, September 7, 1907		800 82
		$ 13,109 92

II. CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

Receipts.

Balance in treasury September 21, 1905		$ 1,003 40
Contribution	$ 10 00	
Interest from Bank	100 32	
		110 32
Total		$ 1,113 72

Disbursements.

Loan to congregation at Louise Bridge, Man., Can		$ 800 00
Loan to congregation at Edmonton, Alberta, Can		300 00
Total		$ 1,100 00
Balance in Church Building Fund, September 7, 1907		13 72
		$ 1,113 72

III. SILOAH ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Balance in treasury, September 21, 1905	$	114 85
Subscriptions		781 86
Contribution		10 00
Total	$	906 71

Disbursements.

Printing and mailing 24 numbers	$	1,032 00
Printing and postal cards		20 50
Cuts		10 45
Expressage		5 40
Subscription for "Nordwesten," three years		4 50
Total	$	1,072 85
Deficit in Siloah Account, September 7, 1907		166 14
	$	906 71

Respectfully submitted,
H. D. E. Siebott, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, Pa., September 9, 1907.

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, and found the same correct.

George Zorn,
Wm. P. M. Braun.

Philadelphia, Pa., September 10, 1907.

The consideration of these reports was deferred until the next Session.

ACTION ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The consideration of the report of the Board of Foreign Missions having been resumed, the privilege of the floor was granted to the Rev. R. C. G. Bielinski, editor of the "Missionsbote," during the discussion of this report.

The portion of the report pertaining to "A Joint Telugu Lutheran Theological Seminary" being under consideration, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Horn,

Resolved, That the action of the Board be approved.

A second resolution was adopted, and then reconsidered, and on motion of the Rev. Dr. Horn,

Resolved, That the consideration of the second resolution be postponed until other matters in line with this be decided.

Adjourned with the use of the Lord's Prayer.

FOURTH SESSION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 9 A. M.

The Matin Service was conducted by the Rev. Alfred Appell, of Rockford, Ill.

The roll was called, and the Minutes of Friday morning were read and adopted.

The President of the Nova Scotia Synod, just returned from Europe, having appeared, it was on motion of Dr. Jacobs,

Resolved, That the names of both the President and the alternate from the Nova Scotia Synod be entered on the roll, and that they be given one vote.

SYMPATHY WITH MRS. BASSLER.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Roth, and by a rising vote, it was

Resolved, That the General Council unites in sincere sympathy with Mrs. Eliza Bassler, the venerable widow of the first President of the General Council, in "the labor and sorrow" of her more than four score years, invokes upon her the blessing of Almighty God, and prays for her the presence and peace of Jesus Christ our Saviour throughout the years that remain to her of life.

Resolved, That the English Corresponding Secretary of the General Council communicate this our unanimous action to Mrs Eliza Bassler, of Zelienople, Pa.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Belfour,

Resolved, That a business session be held this afternoon.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Horn,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the Foreign Mission Report be laid aside until the Committee on Protests is ready to report.

THESES ON THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

With reference to the Theses left unfinished yesterday, it was

Resolved, That the "Theses on the Holy Scriptures the Rule of Faith and Life" be printed in the Minutes for discussion at the next Convention, and that a special time be designated by the Executive Committee.

ACTION ON GERMAN HOME MISSIONS.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Spaeth, the following was adopted:

WHEREAS, It appears from the Report of the German Home Mission Board that the German Home Mission and Educational work of the General Council is greatly embarrassed and in danger of being completely crippled by the lack of suitable men and the peculiar difficulties in the way of the proper training for the work in this country, therefore be it

Resolved, That the General Council recommend that the German brethren connected with our synods hold one or more Conferences for a thorough consideration of the whole problem, and that, as a result of these conventions, they propose to this Body some definite plan of action which may remove the difficulties.

Resolved, 2. That the President of the General Council appoint a committee which shall have authority to call such Conference or Conferences, and report their action to the next Convention of the General Council.

Committee on Holding German Conference: The Revs. A. Spaeth, D.D., E. C. J. Kraehling, F. Veit, G. C. Berkemeier, D.D., H. Offerman, G. A. Benze, and J. Nicum, D.D.

The report of the German Home Mission Board was adopted as a whole.

By the courtesy of the General Council the Rev. William Thum, of New York, read a report of

THE SEAMEN'S MISSION IN THE PORT OF NEW YORK.

As representative of the "German Lutheran Association for the Care of German Seamen" in Hanover, Germany, I have the honor to bring the cordial greetings of that Association to the Venerable General Council, and to extend to you its best wishes and heartiest congratulations upon the accomplishment of forty years of your blessed work. We pray that the blessing of Al-

mighty God may rest upon your labors in the future even more abundantly than in the past.

Personally I beg leave to thank the President very heartily for giving me this opportunity of speaking a few words on that work of Inner Mission which lies so near to my heart and conscience. I appeal to you on behalf of the 100,000 seamen of German tongue, mostly Lutherans, who annually come to the Port of New York. On an average 1600 men and boys are to be found daily in this, the largest port of the world, throughout the year; surrounded by temptations, and, until lately, without any religious and social care in their own language—friendless, homeless, churchless.

After negotiations with the Lutheran Ministers' Association in New York, going as far back as 1898, and on the suggestion of that body, the German Society decided to take up the work in 1906. The Society is an offspring of the "International Conference," but works as an entirely independent organization. For the strengthening of their confessional position in the field of the Inner Mission, the Inner Mission Societies of the Lutheran churches in Germany united, and in 1886 agreed to establish the work of the care for German Seamen in foreign and home ports. Today, there are, in more or less close connection with the Association, the Seamen's Missions in Cardiff, Barry Dock, Bremerhaven, Geestemünde, Hamburg, Altona, Kapstadt, Philadelphia, Portland, Ore., some other smaller German ports, and as the latest branch, New York. Here the preliminary work has been done during the last year, the mother Society providing the necessary funds for the organization. The hearty and strong co-operation of ministers and laymen of the Lutheran churches in New York and the surrounding States as far as Canada, of the Imperial German Consul General and the representatives of the steamship lines led, in June, 1907, to the establishment of the "Society for the Care of German Seamen in the Port of New York," incorporated under the law of that State, a branch of the German Association. The Society consists of fifteen members. The Consul General, the managers of the North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American Line (which very liberally support the work), and the Seaman's pastor are members ex-officio; the remaining are Lutheran ministers and laymen. Synods and conferences have recommended the work.

It was decided to start the practical work in Hoboken, the center of the German shipping traffic. A suitable house has been bought and the necessary alterations having been accomplished, will be opened shortly. The "Deutsche Seemanns-haus" contains large reading and meeting rooms for social and religious purposes, the shipping bureau of the German Consulate, also rooms for the seamen's pastor and the deacon. The house will be under the care of a married deacon; a graduate of the Brotherhouse, "Stephanstift," near Hanover. It is planned to provide also branches in the neighborhood of the Bush docks in Brooklyn and on the west side of Manhattan. The cost of the house, including alterations and furnishing will be $17,000; $12,000 to be raised yet. To keep up the work $5000 or $6000 annually are necessary; about $3500 guaranteed from subscriptions of steamship lines and other circles outside the church.

Seamen's Mission, like all Inner Mission work, is both social and religious. The conditions of life and labor of the seafaring men require special ways and means to reach them. Away from home for months and years, a wandering people, separated from family and friends, they need a place where they can find home comfort, a quiet corner to read and write letters; after long, wearisome voyages the inspiration of pure intercourse in the company of kind men and noble women, protection against land sharks of both sexes, unselfish advice in difficult situations, counsel in questions of law, good reading matter for the lonely hours abroad, a friend who is always ready to help them, to help themselves. And if the Seamen's Mission does not provide that, they go out to get it somewhere else—how often in places of sin and shame!

But the Seamen's Mission wants more; it does not forget that the "soul of missions is the mission of the soul," and that there is only one Name in the world that can make a sailor's life worth living, that can light his way and steer his life's bark into the eternal haven of rest.

Very rarely a sailor can take part in congregational services. If he cannot come to church, the church has the sacred duty to go to him. If he lacks the regular ministrations of the Word, the church has to provide ministers of his own, strengthening the faithful members for their hard struggle of life on sea and

the temptations on shore, and pleading with indifferents and opponents, looking for the hour in the reading room or on board of vessels, in the forecastle or in the cabin, on deck or in the engine-room, in prison or in hospital or at the open grave, in solemn services aboard or on land or in private conversation—in which they can reach the immortal soul!

The religious part of the New York Seamen's Mission work is, according to the constitution, to be done upon the foundation of the Confession of the Lutheran Church. The great majority of German sailors are Lutherans. And they have done much for your Church. They have worked for its growth and prosperity. 250 years ago the first Lutheran pastor crossed the sea and countless numbers have followed him from the land of Reformation, ministers and the fathers of your church members and the very men, who, to a great extent, form the body of your congregations today. And while these all stayed here and found home and family and church and peace and rest, the sailors had to go back into battle and tempest, again and again.

What has the Lutheran Church of America done for them? They are coming from the north and the south and the east and the west: here is yours, your Church's opportunity, and, if this our Lutheran Church does not stretch out the hand to minister the word of salvation to these brethren, nobody else will do it.

The work was suggested by General Council ministers, General Council ministers and laymen form the majority of the Society, General Council ministers and laymen are the officers. We therefore ask the ministers and laymen, congregations and societies of the General Council for a strong recommendation and support of the Seamen's Mission in the Port of New York.

The field is white for the harvest; it is the harvest of the Lord!

W. Thun, *Seemannspastor.*

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Berkemier it was

Resolved, That we have heard with profound gratification of the very auspicious beginning of the Lutheran Seaman's Mission in the port of New York, and that we feel our obligation to this important undertaking, and pledge it our most hearty sympathy and support.

Resolved, second, That the report of the Missionary Thun be spread on the Minutes for information.

The Rev. Dr. Belfour read the

REPORT OF THE PORTO RICO MISSION BOARD.

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America:

At the meetings of the Porto Rico Mission Board, during the past two years, we have carefully and prayerfully considered the conditions and requirements of the Mission and endeavored to direct and aid the important work to the extent of our ability. But, at all those meetings, we were deprived of the presence and counsel of the Rev. Dr. David H. Geissinger, whose failing health continued, and ended in his departure from this life, March 22, 1907. Until overtaken by the distressing sickness, he was always prompt in attendance at our meetings and active and helpful in our deliberations, and he is held in kindly remembrance.

And we must record the retirement of Miss Clara E. Hazelgreen, from her active labors in the Mission on account of failing health. Every possible effort for her recovery on the island was made, but without success, and she returned to her home in Lake Station, Indiana, last April, where we hope that her health will be restored. But the Lord cares for His work, and He sent us a helper to take it up where our afflicted sister was compelled to lay it down. Having accepted our call, Miss May C. Mellander, of St. Charles, Ill., the daughter of the Rev. John Mellander, was duly commissioned at a public service in the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh, by the Rev. Dr. D. H. Geissinger, his last official act for the Board. Miss Mellander is a lady of superior education and training and had long experience as teacher in our public schools. And she had a good, practical knowledge of the Spanish language, having studied it for five years. She is also an accomplished musician, successful in her new work and beloved by the people.

In our last report we stated that, in view of the coming retirement of our only ordained missionary, we succeeded, after long continued efforts and many disappointments, in securing the services of the Rev. Alfred Ostrom; but we also emphasized the necessity of placing a second ordained missionary in the field. And, in this case again, we finally secured a helper in the person

of the Rev. A. P. G. Anderson, pastor of our Swedish Lutheran Church in Missoula, Montana. He accepted our call in November of 1906, but could not proceed to Porto Rico until last April. At a public service held in the First English Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh, he was commissioned by the Rev. Dr. Edmund Belfour, President of the Board. The services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. J. L. Smith, and addresses were delivered by the Rev. B. J. Hulteen and the missionary, the latter sailing for Porto Rico, April 20, 1907. His traveling expenses were paid by the Board and his annual salary fixed at $1000.

Miss Gabriela Cuervos, the first catechumen of the mission, who spent nearly two years in this country in training for her work in Porto Rico, under the auspices of the Ladies' Home and Foreign Mission Society of the Augustana Synod and in the Motherhouse of Deaconesses in Milwaukee, returned to the island in June, 1906.

And Mr. Manuel Hidalgo, also a native helper, is efficient as a lay reader, especially in the outlying stations.

From the time of his arrival on the island, our senior missionary, the Rev. Alfred Ostrom, performed excessive labors, which we feared would ruin his health, but the Lord graciously sustained him. But he felt constrained last spring to ask leave of absence for a few months for rest and recuperation. The request was granted and he returned in time for the meeting of the Augustana Synod. The change of climate has benefited him, and he has been actively engaged in visiting many congregations, presenting the claims of the Porto Rico Mission, and he feels assured that good results will follow. He will be present at this convention and our delegates will have an opportunity to meet him. And I can say, without hesitation, that the Brother has the unbounded confidence of the Board in his devotion to his work and his ability and sound judgment. He is a born Missionary Bishop, and his wife is a valuable volunteer helper.

And at this point we present the Missionary's report to the Board, giving a general view of the work in the Mission for the past two years, together with suggestions and recommendations:

To the Porto Rico Mission Board,

Rev. Dr. J. L. Smith, Secretary.

Dear Doctor: It is a pleasure and encouragement to look back upon the Lutheran Mission Work in Porto Rico during the last two years. It can

truthfully be said that it has made good progress and that our mission has become more established. If, as to attendance, large figures are not at hand, still, what we have can be relied upon for the future. The character of our work, during the past two years, has been more intensive than extensive. There is the same number of congregations as at our last General Council meeting, but three new mission stations have been added.

Various circumstances had contributed to weakening our work two years ago, such as the absence and, after her return, the sickness of one of the lady missionaries and the changing of the missionary pastor, who had to devote his time to the learning of a new language. Regular services were held. And yet, during these conditions, many of the members lost their church moorings and it was a hard task to locate some of these and bring them back to the fold. Some were entirely lost to the mission and had to be dropped.

CONGREGATIONS.

The three organized congregations and their communicant membership, July 1st, 1907, are:

The First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, at San Juan..	62 com.
La Iglesia Evangelica Luterana de San Pablo, at San Juan....	37 com.
La Iglesia Evangelica Luterana del Divino Salvador, at Catano..	44 com.
Total	143

ATTENDANCE.

The attendance at the services and Sunday School has been very good and encouraging, each quarter showing an increase upon the preceding.

The average attendance at each service and Sunday School during the first quarter of1907 has been as follows:

English, San Juan—Sunday service, 52; Ladies' Society, 16; Sunday School, 14.

Spanish, San Juan—Sunday service, 53; week-day service, 48; Sunday School, 51.

Spanish, Catano—Sunday service, 39; week-day service, 87; Sunday School, 72.

SERVICES.

The English congregation at San Juan has held its regular service each Sunday evening. On Tuesday evenings the Ladies' Aid Society has met and contributed to the electric lighting. Articles on missions and good Lutheran literature have been read. The meetings have been in charge of the missionary's wife and one of the lady missionaries. The Sunday School has met at 3:30 each Sunday afternoon, the missionary's wife and the lady missionaries having it in charge. The enrollment is small, as there are few families to draw from. A Luther League, under the direction of Miss May C. Mellander, has been formed and meets once a month.

The Spanish congregation has held its Sunday School at 10 A. M., and its regular morning service at 11 A. M., the Sunday School remaining dur-

ing the service. The mid-week service is held on Thursday evenings. A girls' sewing class has met on Saturday afternoons.

The Catano Spanish congregation holds its Sunday morning services at 8 A. M., its Sunday School at 2 P. M., and its week-day service on Wednesday evenings. A girls' sewing class has met on Friday afternoons.

The missionary pastor has conducted all the regular services in the three organized congregations. Catechetical instruction has been given in classes in San Juan and Catano on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

An encouraging feature of our church work has been the willingness of the members to contribute to the mission work. All are very poor, but still they have done what they could. The English congregation has especially been very generous. During the year 1906 the three organized congregations have contributed as follows:

The English Congregation—	
At services	$ 122 24
Ladies' Aid Society	15 42
Sunday School	3 46
Total	$ 141 12
The Spanish Congregation, San Juan	18 00
The Spanish Congregation, Catano	21 40

NEW MISSION STATIONS.

In April, 1906, a mission station was opened in the country barrio of Monacella, five miles inland to the south of Catano. It is in the midst of a citrus fruit district, the plantations being mostly owned by Americans. Substantial support to this mission is expected from these Americans, when the fruit farms become bearing. Services have, as a rule, been held Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, when the weather has permitted, by the native missionary, Senor Manuel Hidalgo, the missionary pastor making a visit and holding service once a month.

In October, 1906, Bayamon was entered. This village of about 3,000 inhabitants, an important industrial centre, is the "county seat" of the district of the same name. We must concentrate our efforts on this place and establish our church work there. Services have been held every Friday evening by the missionary pastor, the native lady missionary, Gabriela Cuervos, devoting every Friday afternoon to visiting in Bayamon.

Palo Seco was entered at the same time as Bayamon. It is a village of about 800 inhabitants and most of the men are fishermen. The people are very ignorant and superstitious. Services are held on Saturday evenings by the native helper, Senor Manuel Hidalgo, and the missionary pastor.

SCHOOL AT CATANO.

Parochial school was begun in Catano, January 14, 1906, in a building adjoining our church and bought for that purpose the year previous. Miss

May C. Mellander has charge of the school and has already won the good will, not only of the children, but also of the parents and the community. On the first day five scholars presented themselves. The spring term closed with 32 enrolled. A large class of adults has been receiving instruction some evenings of the week. We are exceedingly fortunate to have the services of such an able and well educated Christian lady, and in her hands the school will meet with great success. After the spring term closed, a summer term had to be begun because of the demand on the part of the scholars and teachers. July 31st 42 were enrolled.

THE MISSIONARIES.

Various changes have taken place in the missionary force. The lady missionary, Miss Annette Wahlstedt, resigned and left the field in November, 1905. Miss Clara E. Hazelgreen had to leave in April, 1907, on account of ill health. In April, 1906, the layman, Senor Manuel Hidalgo, was engaged as native helper, and in June, 1906, Senorita Gabriela Cuervos returned from the States, after a year and a half of preparation in the Deaconesses' Home in Milwaukee, and entered the work as a native missionary. In September, 1906, Miss May C. Mellander arrived to take charge of the proposed Parochial school in Catano and to assist in the general work of the mission.

After many months of prayer a brother was at last found who was willing to enter the field as another missionary pastor. Rev. A. P. G. Anderson arrived in April, 1907, and was most heartily greeted welcome to the mission field in Porto Rico.

NEW QUARTERS IN SAN JUAN.

The building which for years has been used as a place of worship for the two congregations in San Juan and as the residence of the missionary pastor, was not only located in an undesirable part of the city, but was also itself in a dilapidated condition, being one of the oldest in San Juan. Efforts had been made for a long time to get other quarters, but without avail. Finally we were forced to move or pay a rental of at least $60.00 a month. Fortunately an excellent building in the centre of the city was found, and we moved into the second story in May, 1907. By removing a partition or middle wall, the two front rooms were tastefully arranged as a place of worship. The rear rooms are occupied by the missionary pastor and his wife. The rental for these rooms is $60.00 a month. There is a great need for a church in San Juan, where all the other denominations have church property, some having two, one for the English work (among the Americans) and one for the Spanish work. If we are to have the success that we, humanly speaking, are entitled to, we must procure our own church property. We cannot continue to pay such high rental.

We need also church properties in the new mission places. In Monacello and Palo Seco, a property and small church building could easily be

bought for a few hundred dollars. In Bayamon we must try to purchase property as soon as possible, because the prices are continually advancing. We ought to establish our work from the beginning by getting a property and church building.

PROSPECT.

The future of our church work in Porto Rico is assured if we take care of what we have and gradually extend our work to other places. But we must not be slow to watch the opportunities to enter new places; otherwise the other denominations will preoccupy the ground. We ought to open up work in other large cities, such as Ponce and Mayaguez. The greatest obstacle to our work is not the opposition of the Catholic Church, but spiritualism, superstition, ignorance, immorality and worldliness. During the last two years we have not been hampered in the least by any Catholic. Everything has progressed exceedingly smoothly. But it takes time to transform the character of the Porto Ricans. They lack stability and manly character and in many instances are like children. It requires, therefore, much patience and a faithful service. The Word of God must be preached in its purity, both the law and the Gospel. We have already many times had reason to thank God for the visible regenerating influence of His Word.

We are by no means discouraged. We are hopeful and happy in the work. The Lord is with us, who can be against us?

Your humble servant,

ALFRED OSTROM, *Missionary Pastor.*

August 9, 1907.

In the above report of the Rev. Ostrom, he has made a number of statements which would otherwise have been presented in the report of the Board to the Council, and they need not be repeated. But we will still add a few suggestions for the serious consideration and action of the Council.

First.—We urge the necessity of enlarging our work in Porto Rico by occupying more territory. If the purpose were to confine ourselves to San Juan and Catano, it would be unwise to continue the mission, in which every succeeding missionary must learn a foreign language. We must occupy new places, besides the present outstations, and prepare for more laborers and secure them. If we fail to do this and to do it promptly, the opportunity will be lost; others will take charge of these places and we will be excluded and hemmed in within our present limits. Ours was the first Protestant Mission in Porto Rico; and the Lutheran Church should there meet and combat the old heresy and give the deluded people the pure Gospel.

Second.—We request the General Council to appoint one Sunday in each year on which offerings shall be asked in all our Churches for the support of this mission, and we request that our Synods be urged to carry this arrangement into effect.

Third.—We also request that after the reading of this report an hour be devoted to the consideration of the interests of the Porto Rico Mission.

The Treasurer's report is herewith submitted.

EDMUND BELFOUR, *President.*

PORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE PORTO RICO MISSION BOARD.

SUMMARY SHEET.

October 2, 1905, cash balance		$ 812 82
Ordinary receipts		7,603 03
		$8,415 85
Ordinary disbursements		6,984 34
Balance		$1,431 51

CHANGES IN INVESTMENTS.

September 1, 1906, received in repayment of money loaned	$2,000 00	
September 7, 1906, paid for $2,000 bonds purchased	1,921 67	
		78 33
September 2, 1907, balance cash in treasury		$1,509 84
$2,000 Bonds, at cost		1,921 67
Total assets in treasury		$3,431 51

THOS. H. LANE, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned have examined the foregoing account of Thos. H. Lane, Treasurer of the Porto Rico Mission Board, for the period ending September 2, 1907, and find same correct.

W. STEINMEYER,
W. WARREN WATTLES.

Pittsburgh, Sept. 10, 1907.

Its several recommendations were adopted. On motion

Resolved, That SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY be set apart as the day on which offerings shall be asked for the Porto Rican work.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

It was further, on motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the advisability of securing a church property and placing the finances of the mission upon a proper basis, and to report at this Convention.

Committee: The Revs. F. F. Fry, J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., E. Belfour, D.D., J. L. Smith, D.D., and Messrs. W. E. Bonzo, W. W. Wattles, F. P. D. Miller and C. A. FonDersmith.

By request of the house Missionary Ostrom addressed the General Council on the Porto Rico field and work.

The President appointed the following Committee on Nominations: The Revs. C. Theo. Benze, C. M. Bengston, S. E. Ochsenford, D.D., G. C. F. Haas, D.D., F. Veit, H. B. Reed, A. F. Siebert, D.D., A. Appell, O. J. Waters, M.D., and Messrs. A. W. Geiger, C. A. Schnepel and C. A. Swingle.

The Unification question being the special order, the Rev. Dr. Kunzmann read the following:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE UNIFICATION OF ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS.

All the Synods, whose Missions are predominately English and which have taken action, have, as heretofore, approved the principle and now adopted the plan found on pages 217 and 218 of the General Council Minutes of 1905.

The Ministerium of Pensylvania adopted the resolution favoring the Unification of the English Home Missions work of the General Council as well as the plan, amending Section 3, by adding, "as well as to the several Synods co-operating with it," and Section 7, by the addition of the proviso, "Provided the foregoing shall not prevent a congregation, Conference or Synod from establishing a mission at its own expense."

The Pittsburgh Synod passed the following resolution: "That we approve the plan of the Unification of the English Home Mission work of the General Council as presented by the committee,

and that this Synod hereby declares itself ready and willing to commit its missions to the General Council English Home Mission Board as soon as the conditions of the plan have been complied with."

The Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio adopted the following in 1905: "That this Synod now, as always in the past, is prepared to accept any well digested plan for the Unification of the Mission work of the General Council as soon as the Synods generally are willing to enter upon such an agreement," and in the Minutes of 1906 printed the plan, along with its explanatory comments, for final action in 1907, and, at its last convention, adopted the same with amendments similar to those of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and is ready to transfer its missions.

The Augustana Synod adopted the following in 1906: "That the Augustana Synod, by reason of its peculiar position in this land, a position given it by God, viz., to seek out and bring back to the bosom of the Church the scattered sons and daughters of the Swedish Lutheran Church, and to the performing of this mission needs free hands, cannot adopt the Home Mission Unification Plan proposed by the General Council."

The Chicago Synod in 1905, adopted the plan of Unification then submitted, also the present plan, asking for modifications similar to those of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and arranging for the transfer of its missions.

The English Synod of the Northwest adopted the plan.

The Pacific Synod, Minutes of 1906, page 28, adopted the plan.

The New York and New England Synod had the plan printed in its Minutes for discussion by Conferences and, at the last convention, adopted the same with amendments made by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

The Nova Scotia Synod, Minutes of 1906, page 22, adopted the plan and added the clause, "and tried for three years from the time it becomes operative."

We have taken into consideration the actions of the various Synods, approving Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8, without amendment and amending sections 3 and 7. The amendments made are incorporated in the plan now proposed, and one section is added, specifying the time and order in which the Committees and

Boards are to meet, for the transaction of business and facilitation of the work.

The Plan.

1. The English Home Mission Board shall be constituted by the General Council electing seven members, and each District Synod co-operating, or its Home Mission Board, electing one member.

2. This Board shall have charge of the English Home Missions throughout the territory of said District Synods and such other missions as it may transfer; appoint a General Superintendent, Local and Field Missionaries, and all necessary missionary agencies.

3. It shall make an estimate of moneys needed for its operations, to be apportioned among the Synods, and report the same with the status of all missions under its care to each convention of the General Council, and, to each convention of the District Synods co-operating, it shall report the amount of money asked of it, and the status of the missions within its bounds.

4. Auxiliary thereto, each Synod shall have a Home Mission Board, consisting of such members as it may elect, together with one member named by the General Board.

5. To this Synodical Board, the General Superintendent shall send a duplicate of that portion of his report which relates to the progress of each mission and the work of each missionary on its territory for information and preservation, and after full consideration had, it shall transmit through him its recommendations to the General Board.

6. Each Synod may appoint Conference and City Mission Committees, which shall transmit to the Synod's Board any information in their possession and recommendations with reference to their district.

7. In special emergencies, when the means at the disposal of the General Board are inadequate to call into existence a mission deemed necessary, the Synodical Board, with the consent of the General Board, and the Conference or City Mission Committee with the consent of both, may establish and temporarily conduct the Mission to be cared for by the General Board as soon as able, nor shall this prevent a congregation, Conference or City Mission Committee or Synodical Board from establishing and carrying

to the point of self-sustentation any mission at its own expense, provided that such action does not interfere with the rights of other congregations and is in harmony with the constitution of its Synod.

8. The meetings of the Committees and Boards shall be held quarterly, the Committees to meet on the first Tuesdays; the Synodical Boards on the second Tuesdays and the General Board on the third Tuesdays of the months to be specified.

9. All mission funds shall be paid to the Synodical Treasurer and by them transmitted monthly to the Treasurer of the General Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I. We recommend that the General Council adopt the plan as now revised and amended.

II. That the General Board be instructed to accept the transfer of missions from the Boards of the Synods which have authorized the same and also to enter into negotiations with the Boards of of the Synods which have adopted the plan with a view to the transfer of their missions after the coming Synodical conventions.

III. That the Synods which have not yet adopted the plan and whose English Home Mission work is not as extensive as that of the Synods which have approved it, be requested to take the matter into further consideration, and, if possible, arrange to conduct their English Home Mission work in harmony with its provisions. And to this end we recommend that the English Home Mission Board send a representative to the next convention of these Synods to set forth the purpose and effect of the plan.

IV. That the General Council in addition to electing an English Home Mission Board conformable to its present charter, also elect the seven members to constitute its representatives on the new Board, and that the present Board be instructed to have its charter amended to conform to the plan adopted.

JACOB C. KUNZMANN, Chairman.
LARS G. ABRAHAMSON.
WILLIAM F. BACHER.
WILLIAM K. FRICK.
GEO. H. GERBERDING.
CHAS. K. HUNTON.
WILLIAM L. HUNTON.
E. AUGUSTUS MILLER.
SWEN P. A. LINDAHL.
GEO. W. SANDT.
ALBERT F. SIEBERT.
JOHN E. WHITTEKER.
HARVEY A. WELLER.
ADOLPHUS L. YOUNT.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Report be received for consideration.

The Rev. H. Weller proposed the following:

Resolved, That we now consider in order paragraphs 3, 7 and 8.

Pending action on this motion the Council adjourned with the use of the Lord's Prayer, led by the Rev. R. G. Rosenbaum, of Monoca, Pa.

FIFTH SESSION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. H. Douglas Spaeth, of Albany, N. Y.

The Minutes of the Third and Fourth Sessions were read and adopted.

The Rev. F. F. Fry read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PORTO RICO MISSION MATTERS.

WHEREAS, It is absolutely necessary to secure houses of worship, if we would prosecute successfully our mission work in Porto Rico, and whereas our people are exceedingly poor and unable themselves to provide the means for the purpose, therefore be it

Resolved, That we ask the members of our congregations to contribute $26,000 towards the object, and that the Board charged with that work be authorized to employ, if necessary, an agent to collect the same.

Resolved, That, to enable the Board to extend its work, the following annual amounts be apportioned to our Synods:

Augustana Synod	$ 2,500 00
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	2,500 00
Pittsburgh Synod	1,200 00
Ministerium of New York	1,000 00
District Synod of Ohio	800 00
New York and New England Synod	700 00
Chicago Synod	600 00
English Synod of the Northwest	500 00

Pacific Synod	50 00
Nova Scotia Synod	25 00
Total —	$ 9,875 00

Respectfully submitted,

F. F. Fry, W. E. Bonzo,
J. C. Kunzmann, W. Warren Wattles,
E. Belfour, F. P. D. Miller,
J. L. Smith, C. A. Marks,
C. A. FonDersmith.

The above report, with its recommendations, was adopted.

ACTION ON UNIFICATION OF ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS.

The motion of the Rev. H. A. Weller, offered at the Fourth Session, was adopted. Paragraphs 3 and 7 were unanimously adopted. For paragraph 8 the following substitute was adopted:

8. That the Board be authorized to arrange all details of time and place of the meetings of the Boards and Committees.

Recommendations I, II, IV were adopted and Recommendation III was stricken out. With these amendments the Unification Report was unanimously adopted as a whole.

DISCUSSION OF THESES.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Spaeth,

Resolved, That, whereas many questions have arisen involving the relation between this Body and the General Synod, we do now proceed to the consideration of the Theses touching this matter, prepared by the Rev. Dr. Jacobs.

The Rev. F. W. Oswald, the First Vice-President, was called to the chair.

The Rev. Dr. Jacobs then proceeded to read and explain his Theses. The first part was, on motion, taken up for consideration and with a few verbal changes, which are incorporated, was adopted. The document as presented below includes a second part, which has not yet been acted upon.

THESES ON THE RELATION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The question has been raised concerning the relation of the General Council to the General Synod. It has been affirmed, on

the one hand, that the confessional bases of the two bodies are antagonistic and exclusive of one another, and, on the other, that the General Synod's basis, properly interpreted, is not inconsistent with that of the General Council. In reference to this, we declare:

1. The doctrinal basis of the General Council is set forth fully and unequivocally in its "Fundamental Principles of Faith," pledging it to the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, as "by pre-eminence the Confession of the Lutheran faith," and declaring that "the acceptance of its doctrines and the avowal of them without equivocation or mental reservation, make, mark and identify that Church which alone in the true, original, historical and honest sense of the term, is the Evangelical Lutheran Church." These "Principles," further, declare that the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Catechisms of Luther and the Formula of Concord are, with the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, in the perfect harmony of one and the same faith. These Confessions, "in order to be a bond of union, must be accepted in every statement of doctrine, in their own true, native, original and only sense. Those who set forth and subscribe them,, must not only agree to use the same words, but must use and understand those words in one and the same sense."

2. The doctrinal basis of the General Synod receives and holds "with our fathers, the Word of God, as contained in the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and the Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the fundamental doctrines of the divine Word, and of the faith of our Church founded upon that Word."

3. So far as the official statements are concerned, the differences between the two bases are:

a. The more specific and carefully framed declaration concerning the Augsburg Confession by the General Council:

aa. The General Synod endorses the Augsburg Confession, without designating whether it be the "Altered," or the "Unaltered Confession," that is meant. The General Council pledges itself to the "Unaltered Augsburg Confession."

bb. The General Synod limits its endorsement to "the fundamental doctrines of the divine Word" set forth in the Augsburg Confession, without specifying whether or not all the doctrines therein taught are fundamental, or what doctrines are fundamental, or as to what such doctrines be fun-

damental to, viz., whether they be fundamental to salvation or to the Church, etc.

cc. The General Council "accepts and acknowledges the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, in its original sense, as throughout in conformity with the pure truth of which God's Word is the only rule." The basis of the General Synod contains no reference to any possible variety of senses or restriction to the historical meaning.

b. The recognition of other Lutheran Confessions by the General Council. The General Synod ignores, but does not formally repudiate or reject these ampler Confessions.

c. The principle of interpretation of Confessions of Faith set forth by the General Council. "The true, original, historical and honest sense." This is ignored but not repudiated by the General Synod.

d. The differences resolve themselves ultimately into one great difference: The basis of the General Synod, so far as the words are concerned, is a less completely developed form of the same confessional basis as that of the General Council. If, within the General Synod, advantage be taken of the less developed form to depart from the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, upon some point where the Altered Confession teaches differently, or to repudiate certain doctrines confessed in the Augustana, upon the plea that they are not fundamental, or to construe the meaning of the Confession so as to find in its words a justification for that which the Confession itself repudiates, it is a manifestly unfair use of the basis.

e. The difference, therefore, becomes one between an *adequate and explicit and an inadequate and what has been found to be an ambiguous statement.*

4. The differences, however, cannot be appreciated simply from a comparison of the two Confessional declarations. To be understood, they must be considered in their historical relations, and in the light of the prevailing life and practice of churches, synods and leaders.

While an entire Church Body cannot be held responsible for the inconsistencies of a few individuals, nevertheless, when a violation of principles declared in our Confessions becomes widespread, and, in spite of repeated protests, continues, no professed endorsement of the most explicit Confession of Faith, is ade-

quate to give standing as Lutheran pastors and teachers to those indifferent to such departures from the faith. It is not subscription to any particular Confession of Faith, but it is the holding of the faith of that Confession, that renders one a Lutheran, and worthy of recognition and co-operation.

5. A difference, never called into controversy between the two Bodies, and which may be formal rather than real, is between the statements of the two Bodies as to the "Rule of Faith and Life":

General Synod.	General Council.
"The Word of God *as contained in the Canonical Scriptures* of the Old and New Testaments," "the only infallible rule of faith and practice."	"The absolute directory of the Will of Christ is *the Word of God, the Canonical Scriptures,* interpreted in accordance with the mind of the Spirit, by which Scriptures the Church is to be guided in every decision. She may set forth no article of faith which is not taught by the very letter of God's Word, or derived by just and necessary inference from it, and her liberty concerns those things only which are left free by the letter and spirit of God's Word."

In this age, in which sceptical criticism is unwearied in its assaults upon the Holy Scriptures, and, while confessing that the Word of God "is contained" in the Canonical Scriptures, like a precious metal in the ore, rejects, as dross, larger or smaller portions of the same Scriptures, the importance of the ampler formula, to which we have no reason to believe there can be serious objection or dissent in the General Synod, is apparent.

6. The General Council has never recognized the doctrinal basis of the General Synod as adequate or satisfactory, but, in all negotiations and conferences, and on every occasion, has endeavored to bring the representatives of that body to a higher appreciation of the full body of our Lutheran Confessions, and of all that this Council has declared in its "Fundamental Principles of Faith and Church Polity."

[Second Part, not yet adopted.]

Principles Underlying These Differences.

1. Neither in business life, nor in ecclesiastical matters, is any harmonious or successful co-operation possible, except upon the basis of a clearly defined and unambiguous contract, to which those uniting for a specified purpose, bind themselves.

2. Confessions of faith are contracts, by subscription to which churches and ministers not only declare their faith, but also solemnly pledge themselves to regulate their teaching and administration of Word and Sacraments.

3. The occasion for Confessions of Faith has arisen from controversies and misunderstandings concerning Scriptural doctrine, and the necessity of discriminating those who hold to a particular interpretation of Holy Scripture from those who either reject it or deny its importance.

4. The extent of Confessions of Faith has been determined by the extent of the misrepresentations and misunderstandings of Scriptural doctrine that have become current.

5. The office of Confessions of Faith is not to present a comprehensive system of doctrine, but to state the faith with respect to doctrines misunderstood or controverted. Every article of the Apostles' Creed was occasioned by some error in the early Church. Every article of the Augsburg Confession has its historical justification in the existence of particular errorists with whom the Reformers protested against being identified or confounded.

6. The Church of each particular age is, on the one hand, the heir of the Church of every preceding age, and, as such, upon the basis of its ever fresh and living study of Holy Scripture, makes the true and pure confessions of preceding periods its own. The Church of one age cannot deny or ignore what a Church of an earlier period has drawn from Holy Scripture and confessed after long struggles with grave error. without being in so far faithless to its high and holy trust.

8. No Church Body, however, is at liberty to restrict its teaching of doctrine and its confession of faith to what was taught and confessed at some particular period in the past. It is in duty bound on the other hand, to give its testimony, as circumstances demand, with reference to any errors or misunderstand-

ings that, at the time, may endanger the welfare and peace of the Church.

9. The Augsburg Confession is an admirable statement of Christian doctrine, prepared with consummate diplomatic skill, to meet the issues of the precise hour when it was promulgated. In the very nature of the case, it cannot be an adequate confession for all emergencies of the centuries that follow.

10. The General Council holds that where a Confession of Faith, which has been attacked and criticised as holding error, is found upon examination to be true, it should be candidly acknowledged by every faithful witness of the truth, and that every suppression of this testimony in order to avoid a break with those who are known to be errorists, is unjustifiable.

11. The relation of the ampler Confessions to the Augsburg Confession is such that as a rule every error exposed by the ampler Confession will be found to be in antagonism also to the Augsburg Confession, as well as to the Small Catechism.

12. The General Council, in insisting upon the importance of the other Confessions, included in the Book of Concord, takes its stand upon the basis laid by the founders of our Lutheran Church in America, North and South, and rejoices in knowing that the most of the Lutheran General Bodies, Synods, pastors, seminaries and churches in America acknowledge the same basis.*

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*The official visitor from the General Synod, the Rev. L. S. Keyser, D.D., called the attention of the General Council to two interpretations of the General Synod's doctrinal basis made by conventions of the General Synod, one at Hagerstown, Md., in 1895, and the other at Des Moines, Iowa, in 1901. It is only fair to accompany the insertion of these resolutions with the statement, that, whatever nearer approach to the basis of the General Council these interpretations may indicate, they do not have the force of constitutional amendments, having never been formally adopted by two-thirds of the Synods, according to the constitutional requirement (Art. VI, Sec. 2), and, therefore, are not a part of the doctrinal basis. The resolutions indicate the necessity felt even within the General Synod for more clearly defining its basis.

These resolutions as furnished by Dr. Keyser to the secretaries, are:

"At Hagerstown, in 1895, the General Synod declared her confessional position to be, 'the Word of God the infallible rule of faith and practice, and the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as throughout in perfect consistence with that Word—nothing more, nothing less.'

"At Des Moines, in 1901, the following:

" 'Resolved, 8th, That, in these days of doctrinal unrest in many quarters, we rejoice to find ourselves unshaken in our spiritual and historic faith, and, therefore, we re-affirm our unreserved allegiance to the present basis of the General Synod, and we hold that, to make any distinction between fundamental and so-called non-fundamental doctrines in the Augsburg Confession, is contrary to that basis as set forth in our formula of confessional subscription.' "

The full statement of the doctrinal basis, as embodied in the Constitution, (Art. II, Sec. 3), is:

"All regularly constituted Lutheran Synods, not now in connection with the General Synod, receiving and holding with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of our fathers, the word of God, as contained in the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and the Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the fundamental doctrines of the divine word, and of the faith of our Church founded upon that word, may at any time become associated with the General Synod by adopting this Constitution and sending delegates to its Conventions according to the ratio specified in section first of this Article."—H. E. J.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Jacobs,

Resolved, That this paper be recommended to the committee having in charge the paper from the Canada Synod, as the basis of the answer of this Body as to the relation of the General Council to the General Synod.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Spaeth,

Resolved, That we thank the Rev. Dr. Schmauk, the President, as the suggestor, and the Rev. Dr. Jacobs, as the preparer, of these Theses.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Berkemeier,

Resolved, That the Fundamental Principles of Faith and Church Polity be printed in the Minutes of this Convention of the General Council.

PRINCIPLES OF FAITH AND CHURCH POLITY.

OF FAITH.

I. There must be and abide through all time, one holy Christian Church, which is the assembly of all believers, among whom the Gospel is purely preached, and the Holy Sacraments are administered, as the Gospel demands.

To the true Unity of the Church, it is sufficient that there be agreement touching the doctrine of the Gospel, that it be preached in one accord, in its pure sense, and that the Sacraments be administered conformably to God's Word.

II. The true Unity of a particular Church, in virtue of which men are truly members of one and the same Church, and by which any Church abides in real identity, and is entitled to a continuation of her name, is unity in doctrine and faith, and in the Sacraments, to wit: That she continues to teach and to set forth, and that her true members embrace from the heart, and use, the articles of faith and the Sacraments as they were held and administered when the Church came into distinctive being and received a distinctive name.

III. The Unity of the Church is witnessed to, and made manifest in, the solemn public and official Confessions which are set forth, to wit: The generic Unity of the Christian Church in the general Creeds, and the specific Unity of pure parts of the Christian Church in their specific Creeds; one chief object of both classes of which Creeds is, that Christians who are in the Unity of faith, may know each other as such, and may have a visible bond of fellowship.

IV. That Confessions may be such a test of Unity and bond of Union, they must be accepted in every statement of doctrine in their own true, native, original and only sense. Those who set them forth and subscribe them must not only agree to use the same words, but must use and understand those words in one and the same sense.

V. The Unity of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as a portion of the holy Christian Church, depends upon her abiding in one and the same faith, in confessing which she obtained her distinctive being and name, her political recognition, and her history.

VI. The Unaltered Augsburg Confession is by pre-eminence the Confession of that faith. The acceptance of its doctrines and the avowal of them without equivocation or mental reservation, make, mark and identify that Church, which alone in the true, original, historical and honest sense of the term is the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

VII. The only Churches, therefore, of any land, which are properly in the Unity of that Communion, and by consequence entitled to its name, Evangelical Lutheran, are those which sincerely hold and truthfully confess the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession.

VIII. We accept and acknowledge the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession in its original sense as throughout in conformity with the pure truth of which God's Word is the only rule. We accept its statements of truth as in perfect accordance with the Canonical Scriptures: We reject the errors it condemns, and believe that all which it commits to the liberty of the Church, of right belongs to that liberty.

IX. In thus formally accepting and acknowledging the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, we declare our conviction, that the other Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, inasmuch as they set forth none other than its system of doctrine, and articles of faith, are of necessity pure and scriptural. Pre-eminent among such accordant pure and scriptural statements of doctrine, by their intrinsic excellence, by the great necessary ends for which they were prepared, by their historical position, and by the general judgment of the Church, are these: the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Catechisms of Luther,

and the Formula of Concord, all of which are, with the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, in the perfect harmony of one and the same scriptural faith.

OF ECCLESIASTICAL POWER AND CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

I. All power in the Church belongs primarily, properly and exclusively to our Lord Jesus Christ, "true God begotten of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the Virgin Mary," Mediator between God and men, and Supreme Head of the Church. This supreme and direct power is not delegated to any man or body of men upon earth.

II. All just power exercised by the Church has been committed to her for the furtherance of the Gospel, through the Word and Sacraments, is conditioned by this end, and is derivative and pertains to her as the servant of Jesus Christ.

The Church, therefore, has no power to bind the conscience, except as she truly teaches what her Lord teaches, and faithfully commands what He has charged her to command.

III. The absolute directory of the Will of Christ is the Word of God, the Canonical Scriptures, interpreted in accordance with the "mind of the Spirit," by which Scriptures the Church is to be guided in every decision. She may set forth no article of faith which is not taught by the very letter of God's Word, or derived by just and necessary inference from it, and her liberty concerns those things only which are left free by the letter and spirit of God's Word.

IV. The primary bodies through which the power is normally exercised, which Christ commits derivatively and ministerially to His Church on earth, are the Congregations. The Congregation, in the normal state, is neither the Pastor without the People, nor the People without the Pastor.

V. In Congregations exists the right of representation. In addition to the Pastor, who by their voluntary election is already ex-officio their representative, the people have the right to choose representatives from their own number to act for them, under such constitutional limitations as the Congregation approves.

VI. The representatives of Congregations thus convened in Synod, and acting in accordance with those conditions of mutual congregational compact, which are called a Constitution, are for

the ends, and with the limitations defined in it, representatively, the Congregations themselves.

A free, Scriptural General Council or Synod, chosen by the Church, is, within the metes and bounds fixed by the Church which chooses it, representatively that Church itself; and in this case is applicable the language of the Appendix to the Smalcald Articles, "The judgments of Synod are the judgments of the Church."

VII. The Congregations representatively constituting the various district Synods, may elect delegates through those Synods to represent themselves in a more general body, all decisions of which, when made in conformity with the solemn compact of the Constitution, bind, so far as the terms of mutual agreement make them binding, those Congregations which consent, and continue to consent, to be represented in that General Body.

VIII. If the final decision of any General Body thus constituted shall seem to any Synod within it, in conflict with the faith, involving violation of the rights of conscience, it is the duty of the Synod to take such steps as shall be needed to prevent a compromise on its part with error. To this end, it may withdraw itself from relations which make it responsible for departure from the faith of the Gospel, or for an equivocal attitude towards it. Such steps should not be taken on any but well defined grounds of Conscience, not on mere suspicion, nor until prayerful, earnest and repeated efforts to correct the wrong have proved useless, and no remedy remains but withdrawal.

IX. The obligation, under which Congregations consent to place themselves, to conform to the decisions of Synods, does not rest on any assumption that Synods are infallible, but on the supposition that the decisions have been so guarded by wise constitutional provisions as to create a higher moral probability of their being true and rightful than the decisions in conflict with them, which may be made by single Congregations or individuals. All final decisions should be guarded with the utmost care, so that they shall in no case claim without just grounds to be the judgment of those Congregations in whose name and by whose authority they are made—in the absence of which just grounds they are null and void.

X. In the formation of a General Body, the Synods may know and deal with each other only as Synods. In such case, the official

record is to be accepted as evidence of the doctrinal position of each Synod, and of the principles for which alone the other Synods become responsible by connection with it.

XI. The leading objects for which Synods should be organized are:

1. The maintenance and diffusion of sound doctrine, as the same is taught in God's Word and confessed in the authorized standards of the Church.

2. When controversies arise in regard to articles of faith, to decide them in accordance with God's Word and the pure confessions of that Word.

3. The proper regulation of the human externals of worship, that the same, in character and administration, may be in keeping with the spirit of the New Testament and with the liberty of the Church, and may edify the Body of Christ.

4. The maintenance of pure discipline, to the fostering of holiness and fidelity in the ministry and people.

5. The devising and executing of wise and Scriptural counsels and plans for carrying on the work of the Church, in every department of beneficent labor for the souls and bodies of men, at home and abroad.

All these things are to be done, that the saving power of the Gospel may be realized, that good order may be maintained and that all unsoundness in faith and life may be averted, that God may be glorified, and that Christ our King may rule in a pure, peaceful and active Church.

CONCERNING THE FATHERS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Schmauk,

Resolved, That we rejoice in the presence of the Fathers of the General Council, whose lives, in the providence of God, have been spared to us, and who have been with us and have spoken at this Anniversary Convention; and that we extend our congratulations also to those of the Fathers who have been unable to be in attendance upon this joyous occasion.

Of those participating in the Conventions at Reading and Ft. Wayne, there sat in this Convention the Rev. Drs. S. Laird, H. W. Roth and G. W. Mechling and Mr. Henry Mattes.

Adjourned at 5.30 p. m., with the Lord's Prayer, led by the Rev. Gustav Nelsenius, D.D., of Brooklyn, N. Y.

SIXTH SESSION

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 9 A. M.

The Matin Service was conducted by the Rev. Edmund Belfour, D.D., of Allegheny, Pa.

The calling of the Roll was dispensed with. The Minutes of the Fifth Session were read, corrected and adopted.

The Rev. W. D. C. Keiter read the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Part III—On Protests.

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the President's Report bearing upon certain protests and petitions involving the interests of our Foreign Mission work respectfully begs leave to present the following:

A. Regarding the petition of the Missionary Council praying for a change in the Rules governing the Mission, we recommend:

1. That the General Council direct its Foreign Mission Board, after consultation with the Mission Council in India, at once to revise its present Rules, especially in the direction of giving the missionaries and the Mission Council better facilities to communicate with the Board, and leaving the matters of local government as much as feasible in the hands of the Mission Council.

2. That we instruct the Board to conduct the affairs of the Mission under such revised Rules until the next meeting of the General Council and report on the same at that convention.

3. That two practical, well qualified men be sent out as soon as possible to visit the field, thoroughly to investigate conditions, and to report to the Board and through it to the General Council at its next meeting.

B. Regarding the protest of Dr. Woerner against the Rules for medical work proposed by the Board, we recommend that the medical work be placed on the same plane as other departments of the Foreign Mission work, and that rules for the governance of the same be submitted to the next meeting of the General Council.

C. Regarding a petition signed by a number of native work-

ers of the Bhimawaram District impugning the integrity of one of the native preachers, we are of the opinion that said petition has not come to us in an entirely regular manner. We have carefully examined into this matter, however, and finding that there may be some basis for the charges made, we recommend: (1) That the Board of Foreign Missions be directed throughly to invesigate the same; and (2) That in case such charges prove well founded, it take the necessary steps toward securing proper disciplinary action.

D. 1. Regarding the petition of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Augustana Synod relative to the government of the medical and hospital work in our India Mission, we are of the opinion, that it has not come to us through the proper channel. We recommend that it be returned to the Society from which it emanates with the advice that the matter should first be presented to the Augustana Synod.

2. Regarding the claim of former Missionary Holler we recommend that inasmuch as the Council took action on this claim at the Norristown convention, nothing further appears to be necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. C. KEITER,
WM. F. BACHER,
GEORGE GEBERT,
H. H. BRUNING,
G. NELSENIUS,
G. W. MECHLING,
F. P. MAYSER,
J. A. KRANTZ,
C. A. FONDERSMITH,
G. E. SCHLEGELMILCH,

Items A 1 and A 2, as to revision of Rules, were adopted unanimously. Item A 3 was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That two practical, well-qualified men, one of whom shall be a layman, be sent out as soon as possible, as a Commission of Inspection, to visit the field, and to report to the Board and through it to the General Council at its next Convention.

On motion of Mr. Schlegelmilch, it was further

Resolved, That these men shall be of different synods, and shall be selected by the Board of Foreign Missions subject to the approval of the President of the General Council, but neither of these commissioners shall be a member of the said Board of Foreign Missions.

Unanimously carried.

Under Item B the Rev. Mr. Drach proposed the following:

Resolved, That the words "the medical work be placed on the same plane as the other departments of the Foreign Mission work, and that" be stricken out, so that the item reads "The rules for the governance of the medical work be submitted to the next meeting of the General Council."

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Jacobs,

Resolved, That the further consideration of Item B be deferred until after the discussion of the Rules for Medical Work.

Under Item C, as to the Bhimawaram petition, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Jacobs,

Resolved, That these words be added: "and that to bring about this result all Rules and Regulations concerning our Foreign Mission work that may be involved be suspended."

Item C was then adopted.

Under Item D it was

Resolved, That the petition referred to be not read.

Resolved, 2, That the words, "Executive Committee of the" be inserted before "Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society."

Resolved, 3, That this document be returned by the Swedish Corresponding Secretary.

The further consideration of the Foreign Mission Report was suspended.

The presence of the Rev. Leander S. Keyser, D.D., the Official Visitor of the General Synod, was announced. On motion.

Resolved, That the privilege of the floor be extended to the Rev. Dr. Keyser during any discussions.

On motion

Resolved, That the name of Rev. Dr. Johnston be substituted for that of the Rev. Dr. Ranseen, absent, on the Committee on Co-operation.

JOINT TELUGU SEMINARY.

Reverting to the motion touching co-operation in a Joint Telugu Theological Seminary, deferred from the Third Session, after a motion of the Rev. Dr. Horn, to insert the words "or approved," and of the Rev. Dr. Spieker, to insert the words "as the case may be," the Council unanimously adopted the motion in the following form:

Resolved, That the General Council cannot co-operate in a Joint Theological Seminary unless it is founded unequivocally on the Council's own confession of Faith and its professors be appointed or approved, as the case may be, by the General Council or its Board of Foreign Missions.

Pending the consideration of the Rajahmundry High School, the Council adjourned with the use of the Lord's Prayer, led by the Rev. J. H. Waidelich, of Sellersville, Pa.

SEVENTH SESSION

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2 P. M.

The Rev. Franklin F. Fry conducted the devotional services. The Minutes of the Sixth Session were read and adopted.

ACTION ON FOREIGN MISSION REPORT CONCLUDED.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Drach,

Resolved, That the matter of the Rajahmundry High School be referred back to the Board, with power to act.

Unanimously carried.

Concerning medical work the following action, proposed by the Rev. Dr. Horn was taken:

Resolved, That the medical work of the Mission in India be continued under the existing Rules ordered by the General Council until the revised Rules ordered by the General Council be prepared, and that the Board be directed to incorporate in this revision such Rules for the Medical Work as are necessary, and report them also at the next meeting of the General Council.

The report of the Foreign Mission Board was then adopted as a whole.

ACTION ON THE REPORT ON PROTESTS.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Drach,

Resolved, That the words in B, namely, "the medical work shall be placed on the same plane as other departments of the Foreign Mission work, and" be stricken out.

The Report of the Committee on Protests, as amended, was then adopted as a whole.

Rev. Dr. Whitteker read the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Part I—On Doctrine and Life.

The Committee on the First Part of the President's Report respectfully submits for your consideration and action the following items:

1. It commends the historic sketch in which the origin, development and attainments of the General Council are so clearly set forth and of which on this anniversary occasion we may well exclaim, "Behold what God hath wrought."

2. It is a matter of deep regret that ill-founded assertions have been made to the effect that the General Council is weakening in the doctrine of the Holy Scriptures, under the influence of the Higher Criticism. On the contrary, the General Council today, as at its beginning, stands by its position set forth in its Fundamental Principles. We would, therefore, heartily endorse this part of the President's report and commend it for its clear, positive defense of our Church's faith and practice.

3. As to the principle of co-operation with Christians not in its body, the report has, at once, the tone of firmness and of charity; and we cannot but assent to the correctness of the declaration, "The General Council can co-operate in all matters in which it can openly apply its Fundamental Principles of Faith and Polity as a basis, and only in these." In view of the very vital issues at stake, involving this principle, we commend the action of our President in having theses prepared for discussion at this convention, so that the position of this body may be reiterated and emphasized, and the right application of its principles assured in unvarying practice.

4. In view of the unqualified declaration of the General Council, relative to fellowship with those of other faiths and the danger of unintentional, it may be, though none the less compromising violation of it, we suggest that the General Council endorse the recommendation of the President, to wit, "That the General Council cautions its Home Mission Board to see that on all occasions the details of its services abide by any declaration the Council may have made on this subject, and to avoid all unwitting occasion of offence to brethren within the bounds of the Council." And we further recommend that this rule be extended to all Boards that are in any way responsible for special services.

5. As to the principle applied to the proposed Pacific Seminary, in which the Synods of the General Synod and of the General Council on the Western coast were to co-operate: It is a matter of profound interest as well as of true Lutheran consciousness that the Pacific Synod made all co-operation contingent upon the adoption of a confessional basis that is in exact harmony with the Fundamental Principles of the General Council. Since the General Synod, at its meeting last May, took the initiative by deciding to co-operate only if the Seminary place itself upon a General Synod basis, it would seem that the onus of refusal to co-operate in the establishment of a Theological Seminary on the Pacific coast, rests with it. We propose, in this connection, the following action:

(1) *Resolved*, That we endorse the position advocated by our President that there can be no co-operation in theological work on the part of any Synod of the General Council, except upon the basis of the "Fundamental Principles."

(2) *Resolved*, Further, that it is unwise for any Synod to establish a Theological Seminary without the encouragement and definite endorsement of the General Council, whose constitutional province it is to found such seminaries, especially in the new districts where it is carrying on its Mission work.

6. Under the general heading, The Progressiveness of the General Council, the following items claim attention:

As to the Seamen's Mission in the city of New York and our mission interests in Porto Rico, the convention having already taken action in accordance with the President's suggestion, no further consideration is called for in connection with this report.

7. We regret to learn that the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States contemplates the establishment of mission stations in Canada, particularly within the Province of Ontario, where the entire field has, for years, been occupied and cared for by one of our District Synods, to wit, that of Canada, and for two reasons, viz:

(1) Because such contemplated undertaking is in violation of the agreement with reference to practical co-operation on the field of Home Missions, entered into some years ago, between the General Synod on the one hand, and the General Council on the other. See Minutes 1895, p. 17.*

(2) Because of the well known attitude of the General Synod pastors on questions of vital importance to pastors and churches of the Canada Synod, to wit, their position on the question of pulpit and altar fellowship and on the lodges; on which questions there is an essential difference between the General Council's position and the practice in vogue among General Synod pastors and churches. Such interference in the work of our churches in Canada tends to disturb the peace of the Church and break down the good work done by our pastors during the last fifty years of bringing the churches to a practice consistent with the Confessional principles of our Evangelical Lutheran Church. And in view of these facts, we recommend that the General Council enter a protest against such proposed action on the part of the General Synod.

8. In reference to the criticism made upon "The Lutheran Church Review," we suggest the following action:

Resolved, That this convention most heartily endorses and commends the Church Review for the manner in which it uniformly upholds the principles of the General Council.

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*Min. 1895, pp. 16-17. Among Resolutions in corporated in a Report of the Committee on Conference with the General Synod, and adopted by both the General Council and the General Synod at their 1905 Conventions is the following:

Resolved, That on the subject of Home Missions we do hereby respectfully recommend to our respective General Bodies for their adoption the policy that wherever one Body of the Lutheran Church, hereunto consenting, is in occupation of a field, and is shown to be in a reasonable measure able to care for our Lutheran material therein, the other or others shall respect such occupation, and abstain from any attempt to plant an additional congregation to operate in the same language; and that in case of any disagreement the Home Mission Boards or Committees of the Bodies concerned shall amicably adjust such differences.

At the further suggestion of the Committee the General Council adopted the following:

(a) That where any General Body have congregations, whatever be the language, the establishment of a congregation of another General Body within the territory be not undertaken, unless the Board of Missions of the Body occupying the territory, and the officers of the Synod on the field be first consulted.—Footnote by the Committee.

9. Relative to the Confessional troubles brewing in the International Conference we defer to the report of the committee on the General Lutheran Conference which, no doubt, will throw the necessary light on the matter.

10. We recommend for favorable consideration the following suggestion of the President, relative to the Church Almanac: "That hereafter our own periodicals, our own homes for orphans and aged, our own asylums, hospitals, immigration, seamen's and deaconess institutions, our own seminaries, colleges and academies be placed at the head of their various lists."

J. E. Whitteker,
J. Nicum,
G. W. Mechling,
C. Theodore Benze,
Chas. A. Schnepel,
Chas. B. Opp.

It was adopted by items, the first five and item seven unanimously; the reference to the Minutes of 1895 was ordered printed as a foot note; and the report was then adopted as a whole.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Horn,

Resolved, That the Report of the Church Book Committee be taken up after the reception of Official Visitors.

RECEPTION OF OFFICIAL VISITORS.

At 4 p. m. the General Council was addressed in turn by the following Official Visitors: The Rev. Prof. Luther A. Fox, D.D., of Roanoke College, Salem, Va., representing the United Synod of the South; the Rev. Carl Proehl, of Mendota, Ill., representing the German Iowa Synod; and the Rev. Leander S. Keyser, D.D., of Canal Dover, Ohio., representing the General Synod of the United States. They were appropriately responded to by the President of the General Council.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Jacob C. Kunzmann, D.D., of Philadelphia.

EIGHTH SESSION

BUFFALO, Tuesday, September 17, 9 A. M.

The Rev. William A. Beates, of Amanda, Ohio, conducted the Matin Service.

The roll call was dispensed with. The Minutes of the Seventh Session were read and adopted.

RECEPTION OF AN OFFICIAL VISITOR.

The Rev. J. P. Nielsen, of Philadelphia, representing the United Danish Church, was heard and responded to by the President of the General Council.

The Rev. Dr. Ochsenford read the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Part IV—On Nomination of an Editor for The Lutheran.

With the entire General Council we lament the death of the Rev. G. F. Krotel, D.D., LL.D., who for many years very ably edited the official organ of this body and by his pen, employed in this position, wielded a most powerful influence for good in the Church.

1. To fill the vacancy caused by his death your committee unanimously nominates the Rev. George W. Sandt, D.D., as the editor of The Lutheran, and recommends that for his services in this capacity he receive the annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars.

2. We furthermore recommend that a committee of five, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Publication, be appointed, charged with the duty of adjusting all matters connected with the editorial management of the paper, and all other matters that may arise in connection with the change resulting from the adoption of the first item of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. OCHSENFORD, F. A. KAEHLER,
ALBERT F. SIEBERT, CHAS. B. OPP,
S. A. ZIEGENFUSS, F. O. RITTER,
PETER PETERSON, H. S. K. BARTHOLOMEW.

The Report, with its two recommendations, was adopted, whereby the Rev. George W. Sandt, D.D., was unanimously elected as Editor of "The Lutheran." The following committee to adjust matters connected with the Editorial management of "The Lutheran was appointed by the Chair: Revs. S. A. Ziegenfuss, D.D., S. E. Ochsenford, D.D., O. P. Smith, D.D., C. B. Opp and Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph.D.

The Rev. Dr. Ziegenfuss read the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Part V—On Losses by Death and Nomination for Vacancies.

Your committee respectfully recommends:

I. That the General Council deeply deplores the removal by death, during the last biennium of so many fathers and brethren eminent and faithful in the work and extension of the Lord's vineyard; that we bow with Christian resignation to the will of the Great Head of the Church, in the full assurance that what is our loss is their gain; that we lay to heart the solemn admonition that we too are rapidly passing away; and that the portrayal of the lives and acts of these brethren so well and fully stated by the President in his report be adopted as the sentiment of this body.

II. (a) We nominate the Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., as a member of the Committee on Digest, etc., in place of the Rev. Dr. G. F. Krotel, deceased.

(b) We also nominate the Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., as a Trustee of the General Council, in place of the Rev. Dr. Krotel, deceased.

S. A. Ziegenfuss,
L. Lindenstruth,
W. A. Beates,
J. H. Waidelich,
D. D. Fritch,
G. E. Schlegelmilch,
Chas. B. Opp,
Nathaniel Light,
Wm. J. Miller.

The Report with its recommendations was adopted, and the Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., was elected as successor of the Rev.

Dr. Krotel, deceased, on the Committee on Digest and as a Trustee of the General Council.

The Rev. Dr. Johnston read the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SWEDISH HOME MISSIONS.

(The Augustana Synod's Missions.)

The Swedish Home Mission work of the General Council is done exclusively by the Augustana Synod as it alone constitutes the Swedish part of the Council. The whole history of this Synod is one of home mission work. It began nearly sixty years ago in the Mississippi Valley, in Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota. Its field has since grown to embrace nearly the whole continent. Immigration from Sweden began in the middle forties and has continued ever since, until the Swedish immigrants and their descendants now number nearly two and a half millions. They all belong to the Lutheran Church by birth, training and tradition. As the Augustana Synod is the only Swedish Lutheran body in America, it is its first great duty to minister to their spiritual wants. The difficulty of the work is greatly increased by the fact that they are scattered throughout every State and Territory of the Union, every province and district of Canada, and are found even in Mexico and the West Indies.

To carry on this great work with greater vigor and success, the Synod is divided into Conferences each of which conducts the home mission work within its borders.

The New York Conference, embracing all the States east of Indiana, is, in the main, only a great mission field. Hundreds of thousands of immigrants have settled in the large manufacturing cities of the East and in the mining regions of Pennsylvania. The Conference supports, in whole, or in part, no less than 85 missions, and has expended during the last biennium $15,379.48.

The Illinois Conference, the oldest in the Synod, embraces Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Eastern Wisconsin. Its chief mission centers are Michigan, Wisconsin and Chicago. It supports 75 missions and has expended during the last two years $20,797.36 for this purpose.

The Minnesota Conference is the largest in the Synod, em-

bracing Minnesota, the two Dakotas, Western Wisconsin and all of Canada, except British Columbia. It has 120 missions, and its expenses during the two years amount to $29,579.50.

The Iowa Conference embraces only Iowa and Missouri, exclusive of Kansas City. It has supported 25 missions at an expense of $8197.26 since the last meeting of the Council.

The Kansas Conference includes Kansas, Colorado, Texas and Kansas City, Mo. It numbers 40 missions, and its expenses come to $9814.31.

The Nebraska Conference embraces Nebraska and Wyoming. has supported 25 missions at an expense of $8449.91 for the two years.

The Columbia and California Conferences are really only mission fields. The former embraces Oregon, Washington, Northern Idaho and British Columbia. It maintains 11 missions. Its expenses come to $2048.93. The California Conference includes only the State of California. It has 10 missions. They are partly supported by the Synod. The Conference has expended about $1000 on its missions during the period.

But there are large territories lying beyond the borders of any of the Conferences, and there the work is carried on by the Synod as a whole. Such fields are at present confined to Montana, Utah, Southern Idaho, Alabama, Florida and Alaska.

Five missionaries are employed in Montana with Butte, Helena, Anaconda, Missoula and Great Falls as centers. In all these places congregations have been duly organized and churches erected. There are besides no less than twelve mission places visited at regular intervals.

During the greater part of the time three missionaries have been employed in Utah, stationed respectively at Salt Lake City, Ogden and Provo. There are on this field seven organized congregations and ten preaching places. In Southern Idaho two missionaries have been engaged, with Idaho Falls and Boise as centers. Six congregations and an equal number of preaching places are found on this field.

Only one missionary is employed in Alabama. In Thorsby, Fruithurst, and Silver Hill congregations have been organized. Birmingham and a few other places are also visited. One mis-

sionary is employed on the field in Florida, where three congregations and four preaching places are to be found.

One missionary has been stationed on Douglas Island, Alaska, where a handsome church has been erected and fully paid for, but owing to the floating character of the population a congregation has not yet been formally organized.

The Synod also conducts Immigrant Missions in New York and Boston, in both of which places immigrant homes have been purchased during the past year.

For this part of the work, done directly by the Synod's Mission Board, a sum of $27,317.73 was spent.

The Synod and its Conferences have thus during the past two years maintained 450 mission stations at an aggregate expense of $122,428.48.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. Foss,

Secretary and Treasurer.

Rock Island, Ill., Aug. 30, 1907.

The Report was adopted.

Rev. O. P. Pflueger read the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Part II—On Internal Administration.

Your committee to which was referred the second part of the report of the President, for review, respectfully reports that it has given careful consideration to the matters assigned to it, and recommends the following action:

1. That the numerous acts of the President, reference to which is made in his report, be approved.

2. That a special committee be appointed charged with the duty of considering the depleted condition of the treasury of the General Council, and reporting to the next convention, some plan whereby the same may be placed in a condition to meet current obligations.

3. That we express gratification at the development of the work of the Augustana Synod in Galesburg, Ill., in the establishment of an English congregation.

4. That we rejoice that the Pittsburgh Synod has been able

and willing to extend needed help to the Magyar brethren in the faith, at Martin's Ferry, Ohio.

5. That we adopt the seal and embossing die, impressions of which accompany the report, and that the expenses incurred in their preparation be ordered to be paid.

6. That action on the proposition of the Rev. Johannes Paulson, head of the institution at Kropp, Germany, be deferred until we hear the report of a committee appointed by the General Council to call a German Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

O. E. Pflueger,
Austin D. Crile,
C. R. Lantz,
W. Warren Wattles,
J. F. Dinkey.

Items 1 to 4 were adopted. Under Item 2 the President appointed a Committee on the State of the Treasury at the close of the Eighth Session.

Under item 5, on motion it was

Resolved, That the matter of a Presidential Seal be referred to a Committee to report at the next Convention.

See the close of the Eighth Session.

After the adoption of Item 6, the report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. J. O. Schlenker read the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SLAV MISSIONS.

The Slav Mission Board met for the first time in Harrisburg, Pa., December 5th, 1905. After organization the various phases of the situation were thoroughly discussed, and the unanimous conclusion was reached that we must have a man out of our midst who knows the language of the people, and who can devote his whole time to the work of gathering them into congregations, help them to secure pastors, and above all establish mutual confidence.

It was, therefore, resolved that the Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D., be called to become the superintendent of the Board. Dr. Ramer accepted the call, at considerable sacrifice, with the condition,

however, that he be allowed to spend some time in Hungary, in order that he might acquire a better knowledge of the Slovak language. His salary is $100 a month and necessary traveling expenses. He sailed in May, 1906, and is now in Beszterczebanya, Hungary.

Dr. Ramer had already acquired some knowledge of the Slovak language, and proved his love for the cause by his activity as a member of the Slovak Committee of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and his ministering to the Slovaks in and around Scranton, Pa., where he is held in high esteem and his departure was mourned as a severe loss.

Beyond this your Board has nothing to report except that we work and wait. From all sides comes the call for pastors, which we cannot answer. In some instances members of the Board turned over such requests to their respective Synodical committees. Good pastors are scarce in Hungary and our standing requests with the Bishops are seldom answered. Moreover, history and experience have inclined the Board to be very cautious in accepting and recommending pastors. There are difficulties and occasional bitter disappointments.

That we must train up our own men seems to be our only hope. This may appear a slow process, but it at least looks safer than waiting and doing nothing. Some of the denominations have pursued this course, and now have active men in the field. The Slovak Committee of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania has a number of excellent students preparing for the ministry. Students of various grades of standing, some university graduates of Hungary, have offered themselves to your Board, but we thus far lacked the means to accept them.

The Board has sent out appeals and descriptive pamphlets, solicited contributions by personal canvass and letters, and at every opportunity presented the cause to our churches and pastors. We console ourselves with the thought that we are the youngest Board, and therefore patiently keep on waiting.

Though we cannot point to great things accomplished, we have at least kept the work before the Church. That we have done wisely in calling a Superintendent, who will soon be able to do practical work in the field, in organizing congregations, will we

trust be evident when Dr. Ramer returns, an event to which we are anxiously looking forward.

We request the General Council to apportion to the Synods for the use of this Board, the sum of $4000.

Respectfully submitted,

THE SLAV MISSION BOARD.

Report of the Treasurer of the Slav Mission Board, February 1, 1906, to August 31, 1907.

DEBITS.

Contributions congregations, societies, individuals		$2,107 74
Loans		688 00
		$2,795 74

CREDITS.

Disbursed on secretary's orders—		
Dr. Ramer, for salary and expenses	$2,112 37	
Printing	191 18	
Loans paid	333 00	
		2,636 55
Balance in Bank September 1, 1907		159 19
Loans unpaid	$	355 00
Balance		159 19
Deficit	$	195 81

H. L. HUNGERFORD, *Treasurer.*

Wilkes-Barre, Sept. 11, 1907.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Slav Board meet during the present Convention and present a scale of apportionments to the synods.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Dr. Ziegenfuss read the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

After the official information of the election of the Board and other matters had been received through the Secretary of the Convention. the Board met and organized, with the following result, viz:

President, Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D.

Secretary, Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss, D.D.

Treasurer, Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler, Ph.D., LL.D.

Executive Committee, the officers and Messrs. J. G. Finley and Chas. B. Opp.

Finance Committee, the President, G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq., and Mr. Jas. N. Mohr.

During the interim that the President, Dr. Schaeffer, was abroad and his absence since occasioned by continued illness and subsequent death on July 27, 1907, G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq., was appointed and is acting as President pro tempore.

In the death of Dr. Schaeffer the Church lost a most devoted and faithful servant in all the positions to which he was elected, and the Publication Board an efficient President. As a member he was elected by the Convention in 1891, and served as President of the Board since 1893. His keen insight and wise counsel will be sadly missed. A minute to his memory has been placed on record by the Board.

It is gratifying to be able to state that the volume of business has been steadily increasing, of which the Treasurer's report is an evidence. Nor will it be out of place to refer here to the fact that the success of our publication interests depends very largely upon the excellent qualifications, the scrupulous honesty, the watchful care, the business tact and the incessant labors of Chas. B. Opp, the General Manager. He is always at his post, has proved himself master of the situation, and certainly is the right man in the right place. He has gained the implicit confidence and profound respect of the Board, and deserves the esteem and support of the entire General Council.

The various matters referred to the Board by the General Council received due attention. The action taken is as follows:

In the matter of setting apart rooms in the Publication Building for the use of the Board of English Home Missions and that of the Foreign Mission Board, the Publication Board appointed a special committee to meet with a similar committee of the other Boards. While no definite action was taken it was made clear that under present conditions the Publication Board needed all the space at command to do the necessary work in taking care of its growing business.

Upon the acquirement of the adjoining property it was thought that, by breaking through the wall, several rooms in that building could be utilized; but it was found that this would interfere with the lease. Nothing could be done without serious loss. It is the aim and desire of the Board to provide suitable and adequate accommodations for the various Boards and agencies of this body as soon as feasible, and thus make the Publication House the center of all the interests of the Council.

Regarding the questions relative to the Church Almanac, the Board recognizing the desirability and value of a Geographical Directory, decided to include the same in the regular edition of the Almanac for 1907. Although it meant considerable additional expense the price was increased but slightly, not at all in proportion to the cost. The Almanac for 1908 will also contain the Geographical Directory.

At a subsequent meeting the following action was taken:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Board that it is wise and desirable to publish a Union Lutheran Almanac.

Resolved, That our officers notify the President of the General Council and the Committee on Practical Co-operation of this action, asking the latter to arrange for a meeting of the interested parties.

This was done, but we are unable to report any development.

A special committee of the Board met with the Church Book Committee and the feasibility of providing a Mission Book with the Church Service was thoroughly discussed. The report of the Church Book Committee will no doubt contain further reference and action.

At the last Convention of the General Council, the Rev. Dr. Krotel as the surviving member of the original committee was respectfully requested, upon the petition of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, to revise the so-called Mann and Krotel Catechism, the copyright being in the name of the Ministerium, which expired in 1903. As there was some unavoidable delay, together with the illness on the part of Dr. Krotel and his subsequent death, this revision was not made. The Ministerium of Pennsylvania at the Convention in May last took action in the following resolution:

"*Resolved,* That we lay before the General Council the proposition of the advisability of the publication of a properly revised edition of the Mann-Krotel Catechism."

The Business Manager of the Board, after looking up the orders filled by the House, states that there is still a large demand for the Catechism.

The request of the Pacific Synod (see page 173) to furnish the missions of said Synod with our publications at cost price was duly considered. In answer to the request, the Secretary of the Synod, the Rev. Emil Meyer, was directed to the fact that since the General Council is composed of a number of Synods, each having its own individual interests, it was deemed inadvisable to discriminate in favor of any one Synod. While the Pacific Synod is rather far distant from the East with conditions and circumstances to some extent different from those prevailing elsewhere, thereby justifying the request of the Pacific Synod, nevertheless the sentiment of the Board was against any discrimination. We believe that after due deliberation the action of the Board will be sustained.

In compliance with instructions, 300 copies of the Lutherische Kalendar for 1906 and 1907, as well as 500 copies of the sheets containing the list of pastors were sent to the Emigrant House in New York. Also 12 dozen copies of the medium size Kirchenbuch were sent. This is equivalent to a gift of over $150.

The Board has continued to publish the Sunday-school apparatus as prepared by the Committee on Sunday-school Work, and has paid the amounts as heretofore, in accordance with the instructions given (see page 182).

The publication of Sunrays in colors is an accomplished fact beginning with Advent, 1905. The subscription to this periodical has increased quite considerably, and it is a source of gratification to report that the Publication Society of the General Synod is receiving quite a number, however, with its own imprint. The plates needed called for an expenditure of $1365.52.

The Lutheran Book Concern of the Joint Synod of Ohio also ordered a supply with lessons and texts omitted, namely, pictures only.

The publishers of the Diocesan Lesson Leaves of the Episcopal Church, having ascertained that the Board published small picture cards (Sunrays) in colors, after examining the subjects together with the pictures, the opinion seemed to prevail that it

might be possible to utilize our series, and with this in view, the request for duplicate electros was made. The Board took this into careful consideration, although the cost of the plates would be materially reduced by the sale of electros, yet it was deemed impracticable to dispose of what was peculiarly part of our own system, and yet not be credited or reap any benefit other than the amount offered for the duplicates.

The purchase of Kinderblaettchen was consummated and the paper transferred to the Board, the first issue being that of January, 1906. The amount paid was $500. Since it has passed into the hands of the Board, it is published as a semi-monthly, and has become one of the grade publications in German. It deserves a much larger circulation and subscription list.

The Graded Sunday-school System has been enlarged by the introduction of "Bible Facts and Scenes" in English, in both quarterly and book form, and "Bibel Spruch und Lesebuch" in German in book form. From the sale of these books, it is very evident that there was a demand for them.

The Graded System is no longer a question, but an actual fact, demonstrated by indisputable proof. As we look back to the beginning of the Graded Sunday-school Series, and think of the gradual development and publication of that System as it now stands before us as an almost completed whole, we are amazed at what has been accomplished. While it has to a large extent revolutionized the mode of instruction in our Sunday-schools, it has also Christianized and centralized the application of the truth taught. To the Editor, the Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., and his associates, our Sunday-schools owe a lasting debt of gratitude for the greatest achievement in modern Sunday-school work, and the Board of Publication hereby records its unstinted laudation. Such a project, requiring a large outlay of money, with no capital at command, was sufficient to dishearten your Board, but the constant encouragement on the part of the Editor, and faith in the wisdom of his creative mind have made possible that which seemed to be beyond our reach.

In order that the Church may be informed what is comprised in the Sunday-school apparatus thus far published, the list is here given.

1. In Wonderland.
2. In Workland.
3. In Pictureland.
4. Sunbeams, Kindergarten Division, semi-monthly, illustrated.
5. Sunshine, Children's Division, semi-monthly, illustrated.
6. Sunrays, Junior Division, quarterly, illustrated.
7. Picture Charts.
8. Wall Charts of the Ten Commandments, The Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer.
9. Bible Story, bound form for teachers.
10. Bible Story, bound form for scholars.
11. Bible Story, quarterly form for teachers.
12. Bible Story, quarterly form for scholars.
13. Bible Readings.
14. Bible History, bound form.
15. Bible History, quarterly form. Separate bound book for teachers.
16. Bible Facts and Scenes, quarterly form.
17. Bible Facts and Scenes, bound form.
18. Bible Geography, bound form.
19. Bible Biography, quarterly form.
20. Bible Biography, bound form.
21. Bible Teachings, bound form.
22. Bible Teachings, quarterly form.
23. Bible Literature, bound form.
24. Bible Literature, quarterly form.
25. Teacher's Scripture Lesson Quarterly.
26. Scholar's Scripture Lesson Quarterly.
27. Pocket Lesson Leaf Quarterly.
28. Lesson Commentary, bound form.
29. Kinderblättchen.
30. Wandbilder.
31. Sonnenstrahlen.
32. Biblische Erzählungen, bound form.
33. Erstes Lesebuch für Wochen- und Sonntagschulen.
34. Biblisches Spruch- und Lesebuch.
35. Sonntagschul-Lektionsblätter, quarterly form.
36. Home Department Supplies.

37. List of Daily Scripture Lessons for Students and Bible Readers.

Some months ago, the owners of the first German Sunday-school monthly published in this country, an eight-page paper entitled Der Jugendfreund, established sixty years ago by the Rev. S. K. Brobst of blessed memory, informed the Board that they contemplated disposing of the same, and gave the Board the first option. The purchase of this periodical was, after due consideration deferred, directing the owners to the Sunday-school Work Committee. No doubt the report of the Sunday-school Committee will contain some action relative to this matter.

In addition to the outlay for Sunrays plates and the purchase of Kinderblaettchen, new plates have been provided for the following books: Kirchenbuch (small), Bibel Spruch und Lesebuch, Bible Facts and Scenes, Church Song addition to Supplement, Summary of the Christian Faith, The True Church, Church Book, large and small, Monarchical edition, entailing an expenditure of over $5,500.

Additional styles of paper and binding to both the Church Book and Kirchenbuch have been provided.

The Church Book can now be had in two sizes besides the Pulpit edition, in various styles of binding, printed either on regular paper of superior grade, or thin Bible paper, and on the famous Oxford India. In all 42 styles of bindings are provided.

The Kirchenbuch in three sizes, the large size on regular paper, the medium on regular paper, on Bible paper, and on India paper; the small size on regular and on Bible paper. In all 23 styles of bindings.

At various times requests have been made that the Board publish the Hauptgottesdienst of the Kirchenbuch, together with music for the same, in pamphlet form. This request is based on the claim that the rendering of the service would be greatly advanced, and make the use of it more popular. Since this involved a separate publication, and was therefore not deemed within the jurisdiction of the Board, it was accordingly referred to the Church Book Committee for advice.

Special rates for the introduction of the Kirchenbuch have been fixed, and when the old book, to be superseded by the Kirch-

enbuch, is returned, only a nominal sum is charged. Several large congregations have taken advantage of this offer.

Requests, coming principally from members of the New York Ministerium, have repeatedly been made that the privilege of inserting the Common Service of the Kirchenbuch into the so-called Wollenweber Gesangbuch, a German Hymn Book belonging to and issued by the Pennsylvania Ministerium, through its Committee on Publications, be granted. Your Board has invariably replied that the granting of this privilege is not within its province. The request, however, was again made in May last with a view that the Board refer the matter to the General Council for action. Will this body therefore consider the question at the present Convention, and instruct the Board accordingly?

Although the Publication House of the Iowa Synod for a number of years has been enjoying special privileges connected with handling the Kirchenbuch, it is extremely doubtful whether a formal agreement between the Iowa Synod and the General Council ever existed. This being the case, and inasmuch as since then the Publication Boards of both bodies have been incorporated, the President of the Publication Board of the Iowa Synod addressed a communication to the President of the General Council Publication Board, in which was contained the request that a regular form of agreement be entered into in accordance with the business relations already established and maintained, in which the rights and privileges should be clearly defined in the matter of joint interests.

A further statement was made that it becomes more and more apparent that services in the English language must be introduced in congregations which had hitherto been exclusively German. This necessarily means that an English Hymn Book will have to be provided. In view of this fact, the request was made that since the Iowa Synod had adopted the Kirchenbuch, and that in the preparation of the same, the Iowa Synod was represented on the committee, similar privileges as obtained in the Kirchenbuch matter should also be extended to include the Church Book; not only that a special price of the bound book be fixed, but that the Publication Board of the Synod of Iowa be allowed to purchase the book in sheet form with the imprint of the Wartburg Publishing House on the title page.

After some correspondence, in which a form of agreement was submitted, the President of the Publication Board of the Iowa Synod, forwarded a copy of contract embodying the changes on their part, which alterations included similar privileges for the Church Book as those governing the Kirchenbuch.

Since the arrangement concerning the sale of the Kirchenbuch sheets, etc., to the Iowa Synod began even before the General Council had appointed a Committee on Publications, it was deemed advisable to refer the matter to the Church Book Committee. This was done and the Church Book Committee decided that it has no jurisdiction in the matter, and that in their opinion it is not a matter for the Publication Board to decide, but that it should be referred to the General Council. The Board, therefore, respectfully refers the whole matter to the General Council for final consideration and action.

Although the General Council has put itself on record that it would be unwise to publish the Church Book, English or German, exclusive of the Ministerial Acts, yet at various times requests have been made for the privilege of purchasing the book separately, namely, the Liturgical portion by itself and the Hymn portion by itself. The Publication Board recommends that favorable action be taken.

A communication was received from one of our active pastors and Sunday-school workers, in which the suggestion was made that the Sunday-school Book be issued in abridged form, omitting all liturgical portions. In this manner the book so well arranged could find a market in other than Lutheran schools. The communication was acknowledged with the information that the Sunday-school Book is under the control of the Church Book Committee to which body we recommended that the suggestion be directed.

Under the will of the late Dr. Seiss, a Board of Literary Trustees was appointed. It being very evident that the Doctor desired that his publications be kept in print and for sale, he gave the necessary instructions in his will. The Board of Trustees being unable to take upon itself the care involved in the continuance of the publications, thereupon made overtures to the Board of Publication by which they could be continued. After due con-

sideration, an agreement was entered into with the Board of Trustees that the Board of Publication of the General Council continue to handle and issue all books owned and published by the late Dr. Seiss, and contract was made for a term of five years, beginning with January 1, 1906. The list of books thereby coming under the control of the Board is as follows:

Arndt's True Christianity.
Baptist System Examined, The
Beacon Lights.
Blossoms of Faith.
Child's Catechism.
Christ and His Church, The
Church Song.
Dost Thou Believe?
Ecclesia Lutherana.
Golden Altar, The
Gospel in the Stars, The
Holy Types.
Lectures on Epistles.
Lectures on Gospels.
Lectures on Minor Festivals.
Lententide Sermonettes.
Letters of Jesus, The
Luther and the Reformation.
Miracle in Stone, A
Our Blessed Hope.
Parable of the Ten Virgins.
Passiontide Sermonettes.
Recent Sermons.
Thirty-three Practical Sermons.
Truth Made Plain.
Uriel.
Voices from Babylon.

The privilege of publishing a Hymnal, the copy for which had been prepared by the Joint Committee, composed of representatives of the United Synod of the South, the General Synod, and the General Council, having been granted to the United Synod of the South, the Rev. John W. Horine, the Chairman of the Committee, entered into correspondence with our Business Manager regarding the issuing of the same.

It is a pleasure to be able to report that business arrangements were finally agreed upon, and that the Book of Worship, con-

taining the new Hymnal, both small and large sizes, has been published through the General Council Board.

In the printed Minutes of the United Synod of the South due acknowledgment is made. In this connection we would also state that to provide tunes for the book, an additional number of tunes and a Chorister's Index were added to the supplement of Church Song, a book of hymn tunes compiled and edited by the late Dr. Seiss. In this way the music for the use of the book is provided.

The Board has also published for the Rev. W. C. Heyer a small book entitled "The Authority of the Word of God," a treatise on the confession of Christian Faith and Life. The Rev. Mr. Heyer has assumed all expenses in connection with the cost of printing and binding.

The Sister Superior of the Mary J. Drexel Home informed the Board that a publication entitled "A Colony of Mercy," by Miss Julia Sutter, depicting the work done by Von Bodelschwingh at Bielefeld, Germany, was of such a character that it would be well to have the book on sale at some convenient place. Quite a number of orders were filled by the Home, but it was very inconvenient for them and therefore the suggestion was made that the Publication Board assume the handling of the same. And since the interest in the Inner Mission work is increasing in our Church, it was concluded to purchase a number of flat sheets having the binding done in this country with the Board's imprint on the cover. Two bindings are to be had, one in paper at 35 cents, and the other in light blue cloth at 50 cents.

The Board has also accepted the manuscript and is arranging for the publication of a treatise on Luther's Small Catechism. This was prepared by the Rev. Mr. Stump, the author of "Bible Teachings," one of the Sunday-school Grade books. The author treats the catechism in an entirely different manner from anything in this line thus far published, and it is believed that the new Catechism will meet with favor among our pastors.

The Board is also arranging with the Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D., to handle his "Explanation on the Catechism," and his book entitled "The Way of the Cross." The electro plates are now in the hands of the Board and an edition of the Catechism bearing the imprint of the Board has been printed.

Dr. Ochsenford informed the Board that he had thoroughly revised "The Passion Story," of which he is the author, the first edition having been printed by the Rev. G. W. Frederick. It has been out of print for some time. The author has rearranged the material, adding another chapter and an appropriate selection of Psalms; also first lines of Hymns, Collects, and Prayers for Holy Week. He offered the manuscript to the Board without cost until expenses have been met, after which royalty is expected. As there seems to be a demand for a book of this character his offer has been accepted, and it is hoped to have the book out in time for the Lenten season of 1908.

By an Act of Congress a Congressional Postal Commission was appointed to investigate, consider and report to the Congress its findings and recommendations regarding second-class mail matter. Owing to the large deficiency in the Post Office Department the question of raising the rate on all mail matter of the so-called second class was before Congress and hence this Commission. Since any increase in the rates would affect the mailing expenses of the numerous publications issued by the Board, a respectful appeal was made and forwarded to the Hon. Boies Penrose, Chairman, for the continuance of the present rate, namely, one cent a pound. The Secretary of the Commission, the Hon. Henry H. Glassie, acknowledged the receipt of the communication with the assurance that the Commission will give careful and deliberate consideration to the arguments contained in our letter.

Having noticed in the daily press that the proposed Boulevard from City Hall to Fairmount Park would take about one-half of No. 1522 Arch Street, the remainder not being sufficient for our purposes, and the adjoining property, namely, No. 1524, being offered for sale, it was concluded to purchase the same. This was effected at a cost of $35,367.40, including the necessary papers together with title and fire insurance policies in force at the time. To provide for the payment of this amount, $5367.40 was appropriated from the treasury, and $30,000 was borrowed, secured by bond and mortgage on the two properties. The property was bought subject to a lease. The rent received is sufficient to pay its expenses and therefore is not a drain on the income of the Board.

THE LUTHERAN.

Suddenly and unexpectedly the death of the Rev. G. F. Krotel, D.D., LL.D., the editor-in-chief, on May 17, 1907, was announced. As one of the editors of The Lutheran in the formation period and early history of the General Council, and as editor-in-chief of the paper after it became the English official journal of the General Council, he wielded a wide and beneficial influence over the whole Church. He has finished his course, but his unblemished life and service will prove an inspiration for generations to come.

In due course of time the President of the General Council officially informed the Board that the staff correspondents had elected the Rev. Geo. W. Sandt, D.D., to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Krotel.

In our report two years ago, it was stated that the advisability of employing a general canvasser for The Lutheran, who should give his whole time to the work was repeatedly under consideration. Shortly after the last Convention, the Managing Editor of The Lutheran, the Rev. Dr. G. W. Sandt, suggested that the Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., pastor of Holy Trinity church, Chicago, who was specially adapted for this work, might possibly be prevailed upon to accept the position if prompt action were taken. A special meeting of the Board was called, and after due deliberation, it was decided to create the office of Literature Secretary and to call the Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., as the Literature Secretary of the Board at a fixed salary with necessary traveling expenses. After some correspondence, Dr. Hunton accepted the call and in due time moved to Philadelphia, entering upon his new duties March 1, 1906. Since that time he has attended the Conventions of the Pennsylvania and New York Ministerium, the Pittsburgh, Ohio, New York and New England and Augustana Synods, a score or more of Conferences, Sunday-school Conventions and Institutes, as well as doing personal work in many parishes in New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio, New England and Canada. The results show a largely increased circulation of The Lutheran and The Lutheran Church Review in particular, and a much wider and better understanding of the importance of our Publication House to the work of the General Council, as

well as the indirect benefit which results from the personal acquaintance of a representative of the literature with the constituency which uses it.

This increase in the circulation of the paper encouraged the hope that improvements long contemplated could soon be made; but the advance in the cost of production in all lines, particularly that of labor, has caused a decided increase in the cost of printing The Lutheran. This additional cost will have to be met before the improvements can be considered.

Since the last Convention ten enlarged editions have been issued, the last one being that of September 5th, appropriately called the Buffalo number.

The co-operation of pastors is most heartily welcomed and much can be done towards making The Lutheran the foremost "Church" paper in our country, the goal set before it by the management.

Treasurer's Report.

From September 1, 1905 to June 30, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

Cash Balance Aug. 31, 1905		$1,242.69
Sale of English Publications	$36,954.38	
German Publications	13,900.36	
Sunday-school Literature	61,364.85	
The Lutheran	20,704.12	
Foreign Missionary	1,802.62	
Home Missionary	719.10	
Church Review	2,052.80	
Rent	2,869.75	
Other Sales	20,665.99	
		$161,033.97
Interest on Bank Balance		156.38
Amount drawn from Sinking Fund		5,582.01
Total		$168,015.05

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paper	$12,261.41
Printing	47,265.71
Binding	21,124.65
Plates and Cuts	5,739.42
Merchandise Purchases	17,639.01
Postage and Express	8,283.95
Purchase of Property, Partial Payment	5,305.40

Salaries	16,957.57	
Expenses for writers, editor, clerk hire, proof reading, etc., S. S. Work Committee.	4,502.95	
Editorial and Canvassing Expenses, LUTHERAN	6,370.52	
Other Editorial Expenses	359.86	
Copyrights and Affidavits	54.82	
Filing Cabinet	55.30	
Stationery and Printing	1,261.50	
Advertising	586.86	
Taxes and Water Rent	809.00	
Interest	1,876.00	
Insurance	434.50	
Telephone	172.85	
Coal	175.00	
Gas	134.30	
Repairs	222.23	
Wrapping Paper, Twine, etc.	547.26	
Miscellaneous	284.56	
		$152,424.63
Leaving a balance of		$15,590.42

SAMUEL P. SADTLER, *Treasurer.*

July 1, 1907.

It is very frequently the case that firms and corporations where the officers are unable to give the time for the purpose of examining into and auditing the accounts, that certified accountants are engaged to perform this work. This year, owing to the illness of the President of the Board, and the absence from the city of Mr. Mohr, another member of the Finance Committee, it was deemed desirable to employ a firm of recognized accountants to audit the accounts of the Treasurer and those of the Business Manager. The firm of Vollum, Fernley & Vollum, 907-910 Betz Building, Philadelphia, was engaged by the Finance Committee for this purpose. Two men spent a week in the work. The certificate attesting to the correctness of the items as found in the report is entered upon the records of the Board.

The city of Philadelphia, through its authorities contemplating a parkway from City Hall to Fairmount Park, placed the same on the city plan, and has taken the necessary steps for obtaining the needed right of way. This will affect the property now held by the Board, thereby necessitating a change in location and the probable erection of a new building. In anticipation, the Board

within the last month has set aside for a sinking fund the sum of $10,000 of the balance on hand above reported, investing the same in negotiable securities yielding about 4½ per cent. interest. Since the purchase of the two properties the assessed valuation has been increased by $16,000.

The estimated valuation of the property follows:

Assets.

Real estate, furniture, and office fixtures, actual cost (The real estate alone is assessed at $60,000)	$59,166.74	
Electro Plates (same as two years ago, although over $5,500 were spent for plates of new books published and the purchase of Kinderblaettchen)	8,000.00	
Inventory of stock, etc., on hand	16,194.26	
Accounts Receivable	24,883.18	
Cash on hand	15,590.42	
		$123,835.30

Liabilities.

Amount of mortgage debt	$30,000.00	
Accounts payable	2,241.75	
		$32,241.75
		$91,593.55
The valuation in 1905 on the same basis was		74,940.69
A gain of		$16,652.86

As the General Council at this convention, celebrates the fortieth anniversary of its organization, it is not amiss to note that the Publication Board completes twenty-five years of its existence, as a Committee on Publications from 1882 to 1891, and as a Board since that time. Two of the original members, Revs. F. Wischan and F. W. Weiskotten, and three others who served as members, Rev. Drs. R. Hill, D. H. Geissinger and William Ashmead Schaeffer, have entered into their rest. All of these brethren took an active part during their term of service.

At the Convention at which the Committee on Publications was appointed, the Church Book Committee reported that the "Kirchenbuch," the only publication over which the Council had complete control, was indebted to the printer the sum of $1,337.77. This publication, together with the debt, constituted the stock in trade. It was not until the year 1892 that all the

books authorized by the Council came under the control of the Board. At the Convention of 1895, the General Council took an advanced step in authorizing the publication of a Graded System of Religious Instruction. This enlarged the scope of the work of the Board very considerably. It was also at this time that the movement was started which resulted in the purchase of The Lutheran and The Workman, both papers being private enterprises. These two papers were merged, the title The Lutheran being retained and becoming the official English journal of the General Council. While at first the paper was under the supervision of a special committee, it afterwards was transferred to the Board.

In looking over the past quarter of a century, it is with a profound sense of gratitude to Almighty God that He has so abundantly blessed the labors of the Board, so that from a small beginning this branch of the work of the Church has steadily grown until its influences have become widespread in the cause of the upbuilding and advancement of the Kingdom of Christ on earth. May His blessing rest upon every effort and to Him shall be all the praise.

In behalf of the Board,
S. A. Ziegenfuss, *Secretary.*

August 28, 1907.

The report was considered by items. Under the reference to setting apart rooms in the Publication House for various Boards, the deferred motion of the Rev. Dr. Ohl, was then adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication, the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Board of English Home Missions, together with the Trustees of the General Council, be again instructed to meet at an early date for the purpose of devising a plan for securing a Church House in the city of Philadelphia for the joint use of the various General Council Boards and Committees.

Resolved, 2, That the Chairman of the Trustees of the General Council be authorized and is hereby directed to call the meeting.

Item 2, with reference to a Union Almanac. On motion it was

Resolved, That this matter be referred back to the Board, with power to act.

Item 3, with reference to the Mann-Krotel Catechism. Action deferred until the report of the Church Book Committee is considered.

Item 4, with reference to furnishing books to the Pacific Synod at special rates. On motion is was

Resolved, That the action of the Board be approved.

Item 5, with reference to the publication of the Hauptgottesdienst in separate form. Action deferred until the Church Book Committee's report is considered.

Item 6, with reference to the Wollenweber Gesangbuch. On motion of the Rev. Dr. Spaeth,

Resolved, That the request for the insertion of the Common Service in the Wollenweber Gesangbuch be not granted.

Item 7, with reference to the Iowa Synod's request. On motion is was unanimously

Resolved, That the same privileges be granted to the Iowa Synod with reference to the Church Book as obtain with reference to the Kirchenbuch.

Item 8, with reference to selling the two parts of the Church Book separately. Action deferred until the report of the Church Book Committee is considered.

Item 9, with reference to "Der Jugendfreund" being under consideration, the Rev. Dr. Whitteker read from the report of the Sunday-school Work Committee, and the General Council adopted, the following motion:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be requested to purchase the Jugendfreund from the heirs of the Rev. S. K. Brobst, if it can be acquired at a fair price, and that the Sunday-school Work Committee be requested to make it a part of our German Graded System.

The consideration of the report of the Publication Board was suspended at this point.

The Rev. Luther D. Reed read the

REPORT OF THE CHURCH BOOK COMMITTEE.

The Committee held five meetings at the Seminary, Mt. Airy, during the biennium, one meeting continuing for two days, and three other meetings having two sessions each. Much preliminary work was also done in sub-committee.

At the first meeting, November 6, 1906, the Committee organized by the election of the Rev. Dr. G. F. Krotel, President; the Rev. Luther D. Reed, Secretary; and the Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth, German Corresponding Secretary.

Upon the death of the Rev. Dr. Krotel, the Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth was elected President June 14, 1907.

The committee also met with the Joint Committee on Hymnal and Ministerial Acts January 22 and November 7, 1906, at Philadelphia. The Rev. Dr. C. S. Albert was elected chairman of the Joint Committee in place of the Rev. Dr. E. J. Wolf, deceased. The proof of the Hymnal was read. The Hymnal has been published by the United Synod of the South, bound with the Common Service (Standard Edition), and has already gone through three editions. It may be procured by members of this body from our Board of Publication at the special price of fifty cents a copy, postpaid.

Progress has also been made on the Orders for Ministerial Acts; but they are not yet in a condition which would warrant the Committee in reporting them.

Referred Questions.

I. MANN-KROTEL CATECHISM.

Regarding the proposed revision of the Mann-Krotel Catechism (Minutes 1905, pp. 168-9), it was resolved to retain, for the present, the text in use in the Church Book. Dr. Krotel was at work upon the revision when he was called to his eternal rest.

II. MISSION BOOK.

With reference to the publication of a Mission Book, to contain the Service and a number of Psalms and Hymns (Minutes 1905, pp. 174-5), referred jointly to the Committee and the Board of Publication, with power to act, the Committee conferred with representatives of the Board and after prolonged consideration, decided to submit an outline of such a book to the General Council for final action. The plan proposed would make a volume of about seventy pages and includes the Morning Service (Communion), Vespers, ten Psalms (Nos. 8, 19, 23, 24, 46, 51, 84, 95, 111, 130), and forty-three Hymns (Nos. 11, 30, 31, 49, 59, 124, 134, 140, 158, 167, 176, 183, 192, 193, 202, 215, 221, 224, 231, 248, 254, 262, 266, 274, 295, 316, 331, 366, 367, 372, 393, 418, 435, 447, 493, 523, 536, 555, 585, 594, 616, 625, 628).

III. LITURGICAL LESSONS IN THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The question of "Sunday-school Instruction in the Service" by a series of lessons "which may be regarded as additional to the Graded Course, and which will embody the following: General subject of Worship; Phases of it in O. T. and N. T. Times; Christian Worship; the Atmosphere of Worship; the Church Year Explained; the Formal Side of Worship; the Liturgy, Chief Service; Matins and Vespers; Lections, Collects and Prayers; Psalms and Hymns" (Minutes 1905, pp. 169, 173), received consideration, but the Committee is not prepared to present a report at this time.

IV. PASTOR'S CALL.

The Committee recommends the following outline form of Call of a Congregation to a Pastor:

Pastor's Call.

To the Rev. .....

Grace be to you, and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

At a meeting of the members of ..... Evangelical Lutheran (1)..... held on ..... day of ..... A. D. 19...., you were duly chosen to become its Pastor. By authority and on behalf of said (1)..... we, the undersigned, do hereby now extend you a formal call, and earnestly urge upon you the acceptance of the same.

As pastor of the said (1)..... you will be required to preach and teach the pure Word of God, to administer the Sacraments, to instruct the young, to visit the sick and afflicted, to maintain Christian discipline, to supervise the schools and societies of the (1)....., and to perform all other duties of the Gospel ministry, in accordance with the Confessions and usages of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and as becometh one called to the sacred office.

In the name of the said ..... Evangelical Lutheran (1)..... we pledge you our love and esteem, and our hearty co-operation in the work of the Lord: and for your temporal support and comfort we are authorized by the said (1)..... to promise to pay you the sum of ..... dollars annually in ..... installments, so long as you continue to be the Pastor. (2).....

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In testimony whereof we have subscribed our names this ..... day of ..... A. D., at the request and on behalf of the congregation.

} *The Church Council.*

(1) Church or parish.

(2) For other details. Thus, if a parsonage is available, add: and to grant you the free use of the parsonage.

V. VARIATIONS IN THE COMMON SERVICE.

The General Council referred the following resolution of the Pennsylvania Ministerium to the Committee:

"Inasmuch as the Common Service as published by the General Council varies from that which was adopted by the Joint Committee, and inasmuch

as the several editions in the hands of our people do not agree—all of such variations tending to defeat the purpose of the Common Service as expressed in the Preface of the Church Book (p. x, lines 8, 20), and cause confusion among our people, therefore,

"*Resolved,* That we ask the Ministerium to memorialize the General Council to publish the Common Service as it was adopted by the Joint Committee."

This matter has received prolonged and most careful consideration. The report will show the earnest desire of the Committee to carry out the spirit of the resolution as fully as possible. All the changes recommended are, except when otherwise specified, returns to the Standard Edition. Where the retention of old variations or the creation of new ones is recommended, these are indicated by a star (*) and a double star (**) respectively.

The following are the recommendations:

1. Sub-title page (to follow Table of Contents),

THE COMMON SERVICE

FOR THE USE OF

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS.

2. The Preface prepared by the Rev. Dr. Beale M. Schmucker, which, while not formally adopted by the Joint Committee, was printed in the edition of the United Synod in the South. The present Church Book Preface presents practically the same material but with many verbal changes.
3. Insert a similar Preface in the Kirchenbuch.
4. Page xii, Chief Festivals, after "The Circumcision of Christ" add "—— New Year."
5. Minor Festivals, after "The Presentation of Christ" omit "in the Temple."
6. Omit "All Saints' Day . . . . November 1."

*7. Page xiii (Rules) retain, "All the *Moveable Festivals* except *Advent* depend upon *Easter,*" instead of "The *Moveable Festivals* all depend upon *Easter* except *Advent.*" (Standard.)

8. Read "*Holy Thursday* is the *Thursday* before *Easter.*"
"*Good Friday* is the *Friday* before *Easter.*"
Instead of
"*Holy Thursday* and *Good Friday* are, etc."

*9. Retain, "Table of the Moveable Festivals, according to the several days on which Easter can possibly fall," instead of, "several days that Easter can possibly fall upon."

*10. Page xvi (Table of Epistles and Gospels), retain "Reformation."

*11. Heading "Apostles' Days and Other Minor Festivals," omit "Observed in some parts of the Lutheran Church."

12. Same list, omit "All Saints' Day."

13. No "Table of Scripture Lessons for the Sundays and Festivals of the Church Year" was adopted by the Joint Committee. The United Synod and the Kirchenbuch give the old Table of the earlier editions of the Church Book. The present Church Book Table is a revised one. The General Synod gives an entirely different one. The Committee recommends no change for the present.

14. Page xviii, for "Lessons for Morning and Evening throughout the Year," read "A Table of Lessons for Morning, etc."

15. Insert this Table in the Kirchenbuch.

*16. Retain first paragraph, but change to read "These Lessons may be used at daily Matins and Vespers, or at the Morning and Evening Prayer of the Household."

**17. Page xxviii, retain the text of 1 Cor. 14:40. Also insert before this the text of Eph. 4:4-6, as in the Kirchenbuch.

**18. Page 1, Heading, read "Order of the Service, or the Communion," instead of "The Order of Morning Service, or the Communion" (Standard), or "The Morning Service" (Church Book).

**19. For running heads, read "The Service, or the Communion." (Standard, "Morning Service, or the Communion." Church Book, "The Morning Service.")

20. Page 1, second rubric, read ¶ *The Congregation shall rise, and the Minister, standing at the Altar, shall say:*
instead of
¶ *The Minister, standing before the Altar, shall begin the Service as here followeth, the Congregation standing.*

21. Insert heading, "The Confession of Sins."

**22. Omit rubric, ¶ *Then shall be said the* Confession of Sins, *as here followeth.*

*23. Retain rubric ¶ *The Minister shall say:*

24. Omit heading, THE VERSICLE.

25. Page 2, (Confiteor), second rubric, read ¶ *The Congregation shall say with the Minister:* instead of ¶ *The Congregation may then say, etc.*

26. Print the "Amen" with the second paragraph of the Confession, and omit rubric ¶ *Then shall the Congregation sing or say:* (Thus, "..... through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.")

27. Declaration of Grace, read
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and hath given [*and given*] His Only Son to die for us . . . . . He giveth power [*He also giveth power*] to become the sons of God, and hath promised them [*bestoweth upon them*] His Holy Spirit. . . . . .

* Retain final variation, "Grant this, O Lord, unto us all," instead of "Grant this, Lord, unto us all," because of the rhythm of the language.

**28. Indicate separation between the Confiteor and the Service proper by a space and a short line.

29. Page 3, Introit, second rubric, Standard form with addition in second clause, *or sung by the choir.*

STANDARD.	CHURCH BOOK.
¶ *The* Introit *with the* Gloria Patri *may be sung by the choir; or the* Introit *may be said by the Minister,* [*or sung by the choir*], *and the* Gloria Patri *sung or said by the Congregation. Instead of the* Introit *a Psalm or a Hymn may be used.*	¶ *The* Introit *may be said by the Minister, and the* Gloria Patri *sung or said by the Congregation; or the* Introit *and* Gloria Patri *may be sung or said responsively. After the* Gloria Patri, *the* Introit *may be repeated as far as the Psalm. Instead of the* Introit, *a Psalm or Hymn may be used.*

30. Page 4, read

¶ *Then shall be sung the* Gloria in Excelsis *as here followeth. Instead of the* Gloria in Excelsis, *another Canticle or Hymn of Praise may be sung, except on Festival days, and when there is a Communion.*

31. Page 5, read

¶ *Then shall the* Hallelujah *be sung or said, except in the Passion Season.*

**32. Page 6, read

¶ *Instead of the simple* Hallelujah, *a* Sentence *for the Season of the Church-Year may be sung with it; or a Hymn may be sung after the* Hallelujah *by the Congregation, or a* Gradual *of the Season by the choir.*

Instead of

or a Psalm or Hymn may be sung after the Hallelujah (Standard); and, *or a Psalm, Canticle or Hymn, etc.* (Church Book).

*33. Page 7, (Gospel) retain ¶ *The Congregation shall rise and sing or say:* (Glory be to Thee, O Lord.)

Instead of

¶ *The Congregation may sing or say:* and later, *the Congregation shall stand up, unless they have stood at the reading of the Gospel, etc.*

**34. Page 9, read, ¶ *The Sermon ended, the Congregation shall stand up, and the Minister shall say:*

Instead of

the Congregation standing up (Standard), and *the Congregation standing* (Church Book).

35. Page 9, order of parts,
Offertory, Offerings, General Prayer.
Instead of
Offertory, General Prayer, Offerings.

36. Standard rubrics for these parts, as follows:
¶ *The* Offertory *shall then be sung, at the close of which the Congregation shall be seated.*
¶ *One of the Offertories here following, or any other suitable Offertory, may be used.*
¶ *The Offerings shall be gathered and brought to the Minister, who shall place them on the Altar.*
¶ *Then shall the Minister make mention of any special petitions, intercessions or thanksgivings which may have been requested. He may also make mention of the death of any member of the Congregation.*
¶ *Then shall follow the* General Prayer. *The Prayer here following may be used; or, if there be no Communion, the* Litany, *or a selection from the* Collects and Prayers, *or any other suitable Prayer.*

*37. Page 13, after General Prayer, retain rubric *Any needful announcements may then be made.*

38. Standard rubrics for Hymn and Benediction.

STANDARD.	CHURCH BOOK.
¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn.* ¶ *If there be no Communion, a Doxology may be sung, and the Minister, standing at the Altar, shall pronounce the* Benediction.	¶ *A Hymn shall then be sung, which, if there be no Communion, shall close with a Doxology; after which the Minister, standing before the Altar, shall pronounce* THE BENEDICTION.

*39. Retain separate rubric for silent prayer after the Benediction. *The Congregation should then offer silent prayer.*

40. Place short lines before and after the Benediction to indicate that this is not its normal place, which is at the end of the entire Service.

41. Page 14, omit heading THE HOLY COMMUNION.

42. First rubric, Standard form.

STANDARD.	CHURCH BOOK.
¶ *While the Hymn is sung, the Minister shall go to the Altar, make ready the Communion vessels, and prepare for the administration of the* Holy Communion.	¶ *While the Hymn after the* General Prayer *is being sung, the Minister shall go to the Altar and prepare for the administration of the Holy Sacrament.*

43. Second rubric, read

¶ *The Hymn ended, the Congregation shall rise, and stand to the end of the* Agnus Dei.

Instead of

¶ *The Hymn ended, the Congregation shall stand until the distribution begin.*

**44. Immediately before the *Vere dignum* (It is truly meet, etc.), insert rubric, *Then the Minister, turning to the Altar, shall say:* transferring this rubric from its present place before the Lord's Prayer.

45. Rubric, read,

¶ *Here shall follow the* Proper Preface, *according to the time, if there be any specially appointed, or else immediately shall follow,* Therefore with Angels, etc.

Instead of

¶ *Then shall follow the* Proper Preface, *according to the time, as here given. At other times shall follow immediately,*

**46. Page 15, Proper Preface for the Epiphany Season, as follows: Because, when Thine Only-begotten Son was made manifest in the body of our mortality, He restored us by the new light of His immortality. Therefore, etc.

47. Page 16, 17, text of Exhortation to conform to Standard.

STANDARD.	CHURCH BOOK.
we shall find nothing in us but only sin and death,	we shall find in us nothing but sin and death,
in a cheerful obedience to His holy will,	in cheerful obedience to His will,
in which He feedeth us with His Body, and giveth us to drink of His Blood.	in which He giveth us His Body to eat, and His Blood to drink.

**48. Print the Exhortation in smaller type, with a short line before and a line after it.

Before it this rubric, ¶ *Then may the Minister, turning to the people, give this* Exhortation.

After the Exhortation and before the line, ¶ *Then the Minister, facing the Altar, shall say:*

49. Page 18, 19, text of Verba to conform to Standard.

STANDARD.	CHURCH BOOK.
After the same manner, also, He took the cup, when He had supped, and when He had given thanks,	After the same manner, also, when He had supped, He took the cup, and when . . . .
this do, as oft as ye drink it,	this do ye, as oft as ye drink it,

50. Order of parts, Pax (without Amen) and Agnus, to conform to Standard, but retain separate rubrics for Agnus and for Distribution.

STANDARD.	CHURCH BOOK.
The Peace of the Lord be with you alway. ¶ *Then shall be sung or said the* Agnus Dei *and the distribution shall begin.* O Christ, Thou Lamb of God . . .	O Christ, Thou Lamb of God . . . ¶ *Then shall the Minister, turning to the Congregation, say:* The Peace of the Lord be with you alway ¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say:* Amen. ¶ *Then shall the Distribution begin.*

*51. Page 20, Formula for Dismissal, retain "strengthen and preserve you in true faith," instead of "in the true faith."

*52. Retain rubric, ¶ *When all have communed, the Minister shall cover what remaineth of the Bread and Wine,* instead of . . . . *shall reverently cover* . . . .

53. Page 21, text of Thanksgiving Collect conform to Standard.

STANDARD.	CHURCH BOOK.
We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee, that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us	We thank Thee, Lord God Almighty, that Thou hast vouchsafed to refresh us with this Thy salutary gift; and we beseech Thee, of Thy mercy, to strengthen us . . . .

54. Rubric and heading conform to Standard.

STANDARD.	CHURCH BOOK.
¶ *Then may be sung or said the* BENEDICAMUS.	¶ *Then may be sung or said the* Salutation *and* Benedicamus, *as here followeth.*

*55. Retain rubric for Benediction, ¶ *Then shall the Minister pronounce* [Aaronic Benediction],

Instead of

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the* Benediction *as here followeth* [Aaronic], *or he may say the words* 2 Cor. 13:14.

*56. Retain order 1. Matins, 2. Vespers, instead of reverse order of Standard.

57. Page 29, read

THE ORDER OF EVENING SERVICE, OR VESPERS.

Instead of

EVENING SERVICE, OR VESPERS.

58. Second rubric to conform to Standard—

¶ *Then shall be sung or said responsively the* Versicle *with the* Gloria Patri *as here followeth, all standing to the end of the* Psalm.

Instead of

¶ *Then shall be sung, or said, the* Versicle *and the* Gloria Patri, *etc.*

*59. Retain heading THE VERSICLE.

60. Omit "O Lord, open Thou my lips.
And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise."

61. Rubric, read ¶ *During the Passion Season the* Hallelujah *shall be omitted.* Instead of *is omitted.*

*62. Retain rubric ¶ *At the end of each* Psalm *the Congregation shall sing or say:* and retain full text of the Gloria Patri.
Instead of
Standard rubric, ¶ *At the end of the* Psalm *the* Gloria Patri *shall be sung.* (No text given.)

63. Page 30, form of Lesson rubrics and Response to conform to Standard, as follows:

STANDARD.	CHURCH BOOK.
THE LESSON.	¶ *Then shall follow* THE LESSON.
¶ *The* Scripture Lessons *shall then be read, and after each* Lesson *may be sung or said:*	¶ *One or more* Scripture Lessons *shall be read; and after each* Lesson *may be sung or said:*
But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.	O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Thanks be to God.	*Thanks be to Thee, O God.*

**64. Rubric, read
¶ *After the* Lessons, *a* Responsory *or a Hymn may be sung.*
Instead of Standard,
¶ *After the* Lessons *a* Responsory *may be sung.*
And the Church Book,
¶ *After the last* Lesson, *a* Responsory *or a Hymn may be sung.*

*65. Retain Church Book,
¶ *Then may follow*
A SERMON.
¶ *Then may the Offerings be gathered and placed upon the Altar.*
Instead of Standard,
¶ *Then may follow a* SERMON, *after which the Offerings may be gathered.*

66. Rubric, read
¶ *Then, all standing, may be sung or said this* Versicle. *But on Festival days, a special* Versicle *may be used.*
Instead of
¶ *Then, all standing to the end of the Prayer, the following* Versicle *may be sung or said. Etc.*

**67. (The Canticle.)
¶ *Either the* Magnificat, *or the* Nunc Dimittis, *shall be sung. An* Antiphon *may be sung with the* Canticle.
Instead of Standard,
¶ *Then shall be sung the*
MAGNIFICAT (text).

¶ *Or the*
NUNC DIMMITIS (text).
And the Church Book,
¶ *Either the* Magnificat, *or the* Nunc Dimitis, *may be used.*

**68. Omit Scripture reference for Canticle (Luke 1, St. Luke 2).

**69. Page 32, rubric read
¶ *The* Prayers *here following shall be said, etc.*
Instead of Standard and Church Book,
¶ *Then shall be said the* Prayers *here following, etc.*

*70. Retain rubric,
¶ *Then may be sung or said:* (Salutation).

71. Collect rubrics conform to the Standard in text except omit *"any"* (*other* Collects). Divide into three rubrics, as in Church Book.
¶ *Then shall be said the* Collect *for the Day.*
¶ *The* Collect *for the Sunday is said throughout the week following until Friday, but on Saturday the* Collect *for the following Sunday is said.*
¶ *Then may be said* [*any*] *other* Collects, *and after that this* Collect *for Peace. A* Versicle *may be used with the* Collect.

72. Page 33, read
¶ *The Service may end with the* Benedicamus, *etc.*
Instead of
¶ *This may end the Service; etc.*

73. Benediction, read
The Grace of the [our] Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

74. Page 22, read
THE ORDER OF EARLY SERVICE, OR MATINS.
Instead of
EARLY SERVICE, OR MATINS.

**75. Rubric, read
¶ *Then shall be sung or said responsively the* Versicles *and the* Gloria Patri *here following, etc.*

76. Rubric, instead of *"is omitted,"* read
¶ *During the Passion Season the* Hallelujah *shall be omitted.*

77. Page 23, Psalm rubrics and Gloria Patri, same action as Item 62.

78. Page 24, text and rubrics for Lessons, *Tu Autem* and Responsory, same action as Items 63, 64.

79. The Canticle, rubric, conform to Standard.

STANDARD.	CHURCH BOOK.
¶ *The Congregation shall stand and sing the* Te Deum Laudamus, *or the* Benedictus. *An* Antiphon *may be sung with the* Benedictus.	¶ *The* Te Deum, *the* Benedictus, *or another* Canticle *may be used. The Congregation shall stand to the end of the Service, except that it may kneel during the Prayers.*

**80. Page 26, omit Scripture reference for Benedictus (St. Luke 1).

81. Page 27, Collect rubrics, same action as Item 71.

*82. Page 28, omit the Salutation (preceding Benedicamus) as in Church Book.

83. Insert heading, BENEDICAMUS.

84. Benediction, same action as Item 73.

85. Pages 34-42, omit the old "Evening Service."

86. Page 91, omit All Saints' Day.

*87. Pages 105-107, retain Responsories II-VII.

**88. Page 109, Retain introductory rubrics for Collects and Prayers, but for the first rubric substitute the following:

Whenever the Collect of the Day is said, the full ending is to be used. If other Collects are said after it, as in the Matins and Vespers, the full ending is to be used with the Collect of the Day, and with the last Collect only.

89. Page 132. Litany rubric conform to Standard.

STANDARD.	CHURCH BOOK.
¶ *The* Litany *may be used at* Evening Service *on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, on Days of Humiliation and Prayer, and at* Morning Service *on Sundays when there is no Communion.*	¶ *The* Litany *may be used at Matins on Sundays when there is no Communion, and at Vespers on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and on Days of Humiliation and Prayer.*

90. Page 133, read

And to rule and govern Thy Holy Christian Church;

Instead of

And to lead and govern Thy Holy Christian Church in the right way;

91. Page 146, insert rubric for Bidding Prayer.

¶ *By ancient usage this prayer was specially appointed for Good Friday.*

92. Page 153, Omit General Prayer VIII.

93. Pulpit edition of Church Book, following page 154, omit all the Additional Prayers, forty-two in all.

94. Page 155, heading PSALMS, instead of THE PSALMS.

**95. Page 155ff. No Table of Psalms is given in the Standard. The Church Book also includes twenty-one Psalms not given in the selection of the Standard (Psalms 4, 5, 13, 14, 15, 20, 26, 31, 42, 51, 54, 57, 61, 62, 69, 70, 75, 82, 84, 96, 114).

The Committee recommends that all the above Psalms be retained.

Also that a Table of Psalms be retained. As a substitute for the present Table it offers the following fuller one which has been prepared upon the basis of a careful study of the present Church Book Table, the Kirchenbuch, the Book of Common Prayer, Roman Vesperale, Herold's Vesperale, Hommel's Psalter, and especially the Introit Psalms of the Day. Wherever possible some regard has also been given to the ancient rule which assigned Ps. 1-109 to Matins, and Ps. 110-150 to Vespers.

Sundays and Festivals.	Matins.	Vespers.
1st Sunday in Advent	Ps. 25.	Ps. 98.
	Ps. 8.	Ps. 111.
	Ps. 24.	
2d " "	Ps. 85.	Ps. 96.
	Ps. 93.	Ps. 110.
3d " "	Ps. 5.	Ps. 118.
	Ps. 42.	Ps. 143.
4th " "	Ps. 19.	Ps. 145.
	Ps. 21.	Ps. 122.
Christmas	Ps. 98.	Ps. 89.
	Ps. 2.	Ps. 110.
	Ps. 45.	Ps. 130.
	Ps. 72.	Ps. 132.
	Ps. 85.	Ps. 148.
Sunday after Christmas.....	Ps. 19.	Ps. 111.
	Ps. 93.	Ps. 147.
New Year	Ps. 90.	Ps. 122.
	Ps. 72.	Ps. 147.
Epiphany	Ps. 96.	Ps. 72.
1st Sunday after Epiphany.....	Ps. 100.	Ps. 84.
		Ps. 46.
2d " "	Ps. 66.	Ps. 47.
3d " "	Ps. 97.	Ps. 86.
4th " "	Ps. 97.	Ps. 87.
5th " "	Ps. 97.	Ps. 48.
6th " "	Ps. 8.	Ps. 84.
		Ps. 47.
Septuagesima	Ps. 18.	Ps. 143.
Sexagesima	Ps. 67.	Ps. 145.
Quinquagesima	Ps. 31.	Ps. 116.
	Ps. 27.	Ps. 143.
Ash Wednesday	Ps. 57.	Ps. 51.
	Ps. 32.	Ps. 130.
	Ps. 6.	
1st Sunday in Lent.....	Ps. 91.	Ps. 1, 121, 139.
2d " "	Ps. 25.	Ps. 130.
3d " "	Ps. 25.	Ps. 86.
4th " "	Ps. 34.	Ps. 122.
5th " "	Ps. 43.	Ps. 90.
6th " " (Palm).....	Ps. 22.	Ps. 138.
	Ps. 61.	Ps. 143.
Holy Week.		
Monday	Ps. 27.	Ps. 23.
Tuesday	Ps. 67.	Ps. 91.
Wednesday	Ps. 57.	Ps. 43.

Sundays and Festivals.	Vespers.	Matins.
Thursday	Ps. 67.	Ps. 116.
	Ps. 75.	Ps. 147.
Friday	Ps. 22.	Ps. 69.
	Ps. 40.	Ps. 143.
	Ps. 54.	Ps. 116.
Saturday	Ps. 4.	Ps. 30.
	Ps. 16.	Ps. 31.
Easter		
	Ps. 8.	Ps. 110.
	Ps. 2.	Ps. 111.
	Ps. 57.	Ps. 118.
1st Sunday after Easter.....	Ps. 30.	Ps. 111.
2d " "	Ps. 33.	Ps. 23.
		Ps. 100.
3d " "	Ps. 66.	Ps. 146.
4th " "	Ps. 98.	Ps. 118.
5th " "	Ps. 66.	Ps. 124.
Ascension Day	Ps. 47.	Ps. 24.
	Ps. 8.	Ps. 148.
	Ps. 21.	Ps. 111.
	Ps. 19.	
Exaudi Sunday	Ps. 27.	Ps. 97.
Whitsunday	Ps. 48.	Ps. 104.
	Ps. 68.	Ps. 145.
	Ps. 19.	Ps. 113.
		Ps. 117.
Whitmonday	Ps. 100.	Ps. 84.
Trinity Sunday	Ps. 8.	Ps. 96.
	Ps. 33.	Ps. 111.
	Ps. 97.	Ps. 150.
1st Sunday after Trinity.....	Ps. 13.	Ps. 34.
2d " "	Ps. 18.	Ps. 28.
3d " "	Ps. 25.	Ps. 32.
4th " "	Ps. 27.	Ps. 116.
5th " "	Ps. 27.	Ps. 113.
6th " "	Ps. 28.	Ps. 138.
7th " "	Ps. 47.	Ps. 23, 146.
8th " "	Ps. 48.	Ps. 92, 126.
9th " "	Ps. 82.	Ps. 139.
10th " "	Ps. 84.	Ps. 122.
11th " "	Ps. 68.	Ps. 138.
12th " "	Ps. 104.	Ps. 121.
13th " "	Ps. 34.	Ps. 147.
14th " "	Ps. 84.	Ps. 115.
15th " "	Ps. 86.	Ps. 145.

Sundays and festivals.	Vespers.	Matins.
16th Sunday after Trinity.....	Ps. 118.	Ps. 86.
17th " "	Ps. 116.	Ps. 30.
18th " "	Ps. 125.	Ps. 42.
19th " "	Ps. 143.	Ps. 34.
20th " "	Ps. 104.	Ps. 48.
21st " "	Ps. 103.	Ps. 25.
22d " "	Ps. 130.	Ps. 26.
23d " "	Ps. 139.	Ps. 85.
24th " "	Ps. 118.	Ps. 20.
25th " "	Ps. 138.	Ps. 91.
26th " "	Ps. 96.	Ps. 93.
27th " "	Ps. 116.	Ps. 27.
Harvest Festival	Ps. 104.	Ps. 65.
	Ps. 118.	Ps. 67.
Reformation	Ps. 87.	Ps. 48.
	Ps. 125.	Ps. 46.
	Ps. 116.	
Thanksgiving	Ps. 92.	Ps. 104.
	Ps. 136.	Ps. 150.
Humiliation	Ps. 130.	Ps. 6.
	Ps. 143.	Ps. 51.
Apostles', Evangelists' & Martyrs'.	Ps. 139.	Ps. 19.
	Ps. 148.	
St. Michael's	Ps. 34.	Ps. 103.
	Ps. 148.	Ps. 24.

96. Various discrepancies have been noted in the text of the Psalms, and the Committee recommends a revision of these and conformity to the text of the Authorized Version.

97. Page 258, (Benedicite), omit rubric.

¶ *To be used at Matins on Sundays and Festivals.*

98. Pages 259-263, omit Canticles 6-10 (*Confitebor tibi; Exultavit cor meum; Cantemus Domino; Domine audivi; Audite cœli.*

VI. KIRCHENBUCH RUBRICS.

The Council resolved "That the Church Book Committee be requested to compare the rubrics of the Church Book and the Kirchenbuch, and to harmonize them if possible." (Minutes 1905, p. 175.)

Many of the changes recommended in the preceding section of this Report (V: Items 1-98), will harmonize certain of the differences between the rubrics of the Church Book and the Kirchenbuch, as the latter often agrees with the Standard Edition of the Common Service when the Church Book shows a variation. The Committee has carefully considered all the other differences and recommends the following changes in the Kirchenbuch:

1. Page 4, Introit rubrics,
   ¶ Die Gemeinde singt den Introitus und das Gloria Patri; oder der Pfarrer spricht den Introitus und die Gemeinde singt oder spricht das Gloria Patri; oder der Pfarrer und die Gemeinde singen oder sprechen wechselweise die Strophen des Introitus und Gloria Patri.
   ¶ Der Introitus schliesst immer, ausser in der Karwoche, mit dem Gloria Patri.
   Change to agree with action proposed above, Section V, Item 29.
2. Page 6, Collect rubric, omit
   Wenn das Heilige Abendmahl nicht gefeiert wird, kann der Kollekte ein Versikel vorangehen.
3. Rubric,
   ¶ Ist am Sonntag nur einmal Gottesdienst, so können vor der Epistel noch andere Schriftabschnitte aus dem Alten und Neuen Testament verlesen werden.
   Change to agree with
   ¶ *Other* Scripture Lessons *may be read before the* Epistle.
4. Hallelujah rubric,
   Ausser in der Karwoche,
   To agree with
   In the Passion Season.
5. Rubric,
   ¶ Anstatt des einfachen Hallelujah kann auch einer der folgenden Sprüche gesungen werden,
   To agree with V. 32.
6. Page 9, add to rubric for Offerings that they shall be placed by the Minister on the Altar.
7. Page 12, after closing Hymn, omit rubric,
   Darauf spricht der Pfarrer eine Kollekte mit der Salutatio.
8. Insert text of Benediction with lines before and after, as above, V:40.
9. Page 13, First rubric, omit
   bereitet sich durch stilles Gebet.
10. Page 17, rubric, omit
    breitet die Hände über das Brot und den Wein aus.
11. Page 21, omit rubric
    ¶ Nach jedem Psalm oder erst am Ende der Psalmen folgt das Gloria Patri.
    Insert rubric and text to agree with V:62.
12. Page 24, rubric
    ¶ Nun folgt ein oder mehrere Kollekten mit der Salutatio, der ein Versikel vorangehen mag. Nach jeder Kollekte singt oder spricht die Gemeinde Amen.
    Change to agree with V:71.
    Also insert text of Collect for Peace.
13. Page 26, Psalm rubrics, Matins, same action as Item 11.

14. Page 30, Collect rubrics, same action as Item 12.
15. Pages 141, 144, 145, Gospels and Epistles not given for Harvest, Day of Humiliation and Thanksgiving Day. Insert in Table, page (x).
16. Page 157, insert introductory rubrics before "Allgemeine Kollekten," to agree with the revised Church Book rubrics, page 109. (See also V:88.)
17. Page 189, Bidding Prayer, insert Standard rubrics, if possible:

¶ *By ancient usage this prayer was specially appointed for Good Friday.*

¶ *Here may be offered Prayers for Schismatics, Jews, and Heathen.*

Miscellaneous.

1. The Committee recommends that the Board of Publication be authorized to sell the Liturgy and Hymns separately, in two volumes.

[2. Concerning the sale of the Church Book in sheets,—stricken out.]

3. After consideration of a letter from certain representatives of the United Norwegian Lutheran Church, inquiring concerning representation for that Body in the Joint Committee, it was

Resolved, That the Church Book Committee will recommend to the General Council that if the United Norwegian Church ask to be admitted to co-operation in the Joint Committee, they be welcomed to co-operation on the same terms adopted and observed by the Bodies already represented.

4. The Committee recommends the appointment of two additional German members and three Swedish members on the Church Book Committee.

LUTHER D. REED,
Secretary Church Book Committee.

Item 1, concerning the Mann-Krotel Catechism was pending at the hour of adjournment.

The President appointed the following committees:

1. On Extending Thanks.—The Revs. H. B. Reed, J. A. Krantz, Ph.D., J. A. Leas, W. A. Beates and C. L. Fry.

2. On Examining Minutes of Synods.—The Revs. M. L. Zweizig, H. H. Bruning, D.D., A. J. Reichert, W. L. Rehrig, Ph.D., and C. J. Bengston, R. D. Wenrich, M.D., and Mr. A. W. Geiger.

3. On Apportioning General Council Expenses.—Messrs. Charles A. FonDersmith, C. B. Opp, D. D. Fritch, M.D., F. C. Hemsing, O. J. Waters, M.D.

4. On the Nomination of Official Visitors.—The Revs. G. C. F. Haas, D.D., H. Peters, D.D., and G. A. Benze, Prof. G. T. Ettinger, Ph.D., and Mr. F. C. Hemsing.

5. On a Presidential Seal. (See Appendix.)

Adjourned with the use of the Lord's Prayer, led by the Rev. George J. Gongaware, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

NINTH SESSION

TUESDAY, September 17, 2 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. Jacob C. Kunzmann, D.D., of Philadelphia.

The roll call was dispensed with. The Minutes of the Eighth Session were read and adopted.

ACTION ON THE REPORT OF THE CHURCH BOOK COMMITTEE.

Item I, concerning the Mann-Krotel Catechism. On motion of the Rev. Dr. Horn, it was

Resolved, That the whole subject of the Catechism be referred to the Church Book Committee, with instructions to report at the next Convention.

Item II, concerning a Mission Book. On motion of the Rev. A. D. Crile, it was

Resolved, That the present Sunday-school Book, with words and music, have the Morning Service, including the Order for Holy Communion, the Vesper Service, and the Introits and Collects, as found in the Church Book, prefixed, and additional Hymns proper for the Communion and Burial Services, affixed, to the present body of the Book.

2. That the book so revised shall have a proper Preface, and be bound in substantial form, and have such name given to it as may be considered best by the Church Book Committee.

3. That the Church Book Committee is hereby instructed to make such changes and to submit the modified book to the Publication Board for Publication.

Item III, concerning Liturgical Lessons in the Sunday-school was, on motion, adopted.

Item IV, concerning the Form of a Pastoral Call. On motion of the Rev. Dr. Fry it was

Resolved, That the words "our prayers" be inserted before the words "our love and esteem," and the words "to be signed by the proper officers" be substituted for "The Church Council"; and that, with these amendments, the item be recommitted to the Church Book Committee.

Item V, concerning Variations in the Common Service and Item VI, concerning the Kirchenbuch Rubrics. On motion of the Rev. Dr. Horn,

Resolved, That the consideration of Items V and VI be postponed to the next convention of the General Council; that they be printed in the

Minutes of this convention; and that a special time be assigned in the program of the next convention for the consideration of them.

Under Miscellaneous recommendations, it was on motion

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be authorized to sell the volumes of the two-volume editions of the Church Book and the Kirchenbuch separately.

2. That the second recommendation be stricken from the Report.

3. That, if the United Norwegian Lutheran Church ask to be admitted to co-operation in the Joint Committee on Hymnal and Ministerial Acts, it be welcomed to co-operation on the same terms adopted and observed by the bodies already represented.

4. That two additional German and three Swedish members be appointed on the Church Book Committee..

With the above amendments the report of the Church Book Committee was then adopted as a whole.

FINAL ACTION ON THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The report of the Board of Publication, left unfinished at the close of the Eighth Session, was now adopted as a whole, action on several points under the Church Book Committee's report covering the several points deferred.

The Rev. Dr. Whitteker read the

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK COMMITTEE.

During the past two years the General Council Graded System of instruction and training has been introduced far more widely than ever before, largely through the intelligent efforts of our Literature Secretary, the Rev. Dr. W. L. Hunton. We trust that the time is coming, now after more than ten years of advertising and effort, when not a single English, Germán or Swedish school in the General Council will be without the use of this system in one of the three languages.

THE SUMMER SCHOOL.

There has been an increasing demand for special instruction on Sunday-school work. This has been met in one of our Synods, the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, by the appointment of a committee at its convention in 1906, charging it with the duty of or-

ganizing a Summer School with Sunday-school work as its central object. The chairman of that committee, the Rev. Chas. L. Fry, aided by a competent corps of teachers composed in large part of College men, opened the school at Muhlenberg College, whose buildings and grounds are admirably adapted for the purpose. This school, from every point of view, was a success, and has doubtless aided in an understanding of the principles that underlie our Graded System. Not only were there lectures given on the theory of our method of education, but model lessons were taught every day for a week. The usefulness of such an institution in connection with the Sunday-school work of the General Council was fully demonstrated by the initial Summer School at Allentown; in view of which, the establishment of similar schools in a number of our great centers of Lutheran population—in particular, where we have colleges or seminaries—should be encouraged by the General Council. This is the more imperative since there have been repeated calls for the opening of Summer Schools at different points, both East and West.

PUBLICATIONS.

"In Mother's Arms" is expected to appear during the Advent season this year.

The six years' primary instruction has been greatly perfected and, if possible, will appear before long in book form.

Young Folks, the joint paper, continues to be a great success, and has been making quite an increase of circulation.

GERMAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

Our German Sunday-school work is now remarkably complete, with an illustrated paper for very little children, corresponding to Sunbeams, the German colored picture charts, and the small German cards for children a little older; Mein Erstes Lesebuch, for children just beginning to read, Biblische Erzaelungen for children in the lowest grade after they are removed from the infant school; Biblisches Spruch und Lesebuch for children who are a grade above; and Biblische Geschichte for children who are gradually nearing the age of Confirmation. We have the Lektionsblaetter for all who are beyond this age.

Up-to-date German Lutheran Sunday-schools are splendidly provided with a simple and yet effective and soundly Lutheran teaching apparatus. There remains but one need, and that is an

illustrated Sunday-school paper for young people, corresponding to Young Folks in English. Whereas a flourishing paper of this kind, very successfully edited, has already been in existence for many years, and is owned and controlled by the wife and daughter of the late Rev. S. K. Brobst, one of the loyal founders of the General Council, and whereas the owners have expressed a willingness that the General Council Committee and Publication Board acquire control of this publication, in order to increase its usefulness as a regular part of our Graded Sunday-school System; we therefore recommend the following action:

That the Board of Publication be requested to purchase the Jugendfreund from the heirs of the Rev. S. K. Brobst, if it can be acquired at a fair price; and that the Sunday-school Committee be requested to make it a part of our German Graded System.

Resolved, That the Committee on Sunday-school Work be and is hereby instructed to continue the preparation, and the Publication Board the publication, of all Sunday-school apparatus now in use and that the Board of Publication pay the same amounts, at the same times as heretofore to the committee for expenses, as provided for by the Council in past years.

2. That the action of the Council, authorizing the committee to publish such other literature as in the judgment of the committee will prove useful to the work, and in the judgment of the Board will prove financially justifiable, be reaffirmed.

3. That the action of the Council, two years ago, giving the committee authority to make such changes in all new editions of its apparatus as it may deem advisable, be reaffirmed.

4. That the issue of the joint Sunday-school paper be continued, and that the committee and Board be authorized to unite with the publishing houses of other Lutheran bodies in continuing the issue of such a paper, upon terms clear and explicit, each committee and Board to keep its issue strictly under its own control.

Respectfully submitted by
THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK COMMITTEE.

The report, with its various recommendations, was adopted as a whole.

ACTION ON THE REPORT OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

The report not being available, it was on motion of the Rev. Dr. Laird,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society have permission to complete the Report of that Association, and send it to the Secretaries for publication in the Minutes.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

PHILADELPHIA, September 9, 1907.

To the President and Members of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America:

Since the last meeting of your venerable body, the operations of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society have been continued along the lines indicated in the report made to the thirtieth convention of the General Council. Every effort has been made to extend the operations of the Society and increase its usefulness for our beloved Church. Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., the Superintendent of the work of the Board of English Home Missions, has been continued as the agent of the Society, and the Rev. Frank S. Beistel, of St. Paul, Minn., was elected as assistant agent for the western field, beginning with the Pittsburgh Synod, at a salary of $1200 annually and his necessary expenses, and later, at great personal sacrifice, the Rev. Charles L. Fry, pastor of St. Luke's Evangelical Luthern church, Philadelphia, accepted a call from the Society to take charge of its eastern field. Both of these gentlemen have been most active in their labors, and it is sincerely trusted that they will receive a hearty welcome into the congregations of the various Synods in organic connection with the General Council.

Since the last meeting of the General Council, the Society and its Board of Managers have sustained a great loss in the lamented death of the Rev. William Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D., for many years a most capable and faithful member of the Board of Managers, and one who, by his generous gifts to the Society, indicated his interest in its operations and his confidence in the intelligent administration thereof. The members of the Society, and especially of its Board of Managers, will miss the helpful companionship of their beloved fellow-member. The reports of the Society in the past have contained references to the devoted services of Dr. William Ashmead Schaeffer.

The receipts and expenses for the past calendar year will appear from the annual report of the treasurer, E. Augustus Miller, Esq., submitted to the Society at the January meeting, 1907, a copy of which is appended to this report, together with a list of the assets of the Society.

The present officers of the Society are: President, Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D.; Treasurer, E. Augustus Miller, Esq.; Secretary, Hon. William H. Staake.

Managers: Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D., Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D., Rev. Jacob Fry, D.D.; Messrs. John Willing, James H. Wolfe, James N. Mohr, E. R. Artman, E. Augustus Miller, A. C. Albrecht, E. Clarence Miller, James N. Snyder, F. C. Bergstresser and William H. Staake.

The standing committees of the Society are:

Executive Committee: Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D., ex officio; Rev. Jacob Fry, D.D., E. Augustus Miller, F. J. Bergstresser

Committee on Loans: Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D., chairman; Messrs. James N. Snyder and James H. Wolfe.

Finance Committee: Messrs. John Willing, E. R. Artman, James N. Mohr.

Since the last meeting of the General Council, the Society has adopted new by-laws, in which it is provided that the officers of the Society must belong to churches in organic connection with the General Council.

It is with great regret that the officers of the Society have been compelled so frequently to refuse assistance to congregations where such assistance was most sorely needed. The officers, if the Society had the necessary financial ability, would have been most happy to have granted many loans which the restricted funds compelled them to decline. It will be noted that at the January meeting, 1907, the report of the Treasurer showed the receipts for the previous year as $32,901.89. Had the Society not been required to extend many matured loans to congregations unable to meet the requirements of their original contract with the Society, its ability to make loans would have been much extended. It is earnestly hoped that the forward movement in behalf of missions of the General Council may bring largely increased contributions into the treasury of our Society for judicious loaning to congregations entitled to receive its assistance under the provisions of its charter and by-laws.

The object of the Society, as stated in the new by-laws, is:

ARTICLE I.

OBJECT.

"The object of the Society primarily shall be the securing of a capital fund by dues of members, gifts, donations, bequests, devises and annuity

funds with which to extend the work and operations of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, by granting loans from such fund without interest for a period of years to congregations overburdened with interest-bearing debt, or for the purchase of lots or erection of church buildings where such congregations of themselves are unable without such assistance to provide or maintain a local place of worship or such as may satisfy the need or demands of the case."

Any regular member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, or any congregation thereof, or Society or organization therein, may become a member of the Society by the annual payment of $5.00, or become a life member by one payment of $50.00.

The provision of the By-Laws already referred to as to its Board of Managers is as follows:

ARTICLE III.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

"SEC. 1. The Board of Managers shall consist only of communicant members in full and regular standing of some church in connection with a Synod which is in union with the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, and none but such shall be eligible for election to said Board.

"SEC. 2. The control, management and administration of all the affairs and business of the Society shall be vested in the Board of Managers in conjunction with the President of the Society."

It is made the duty of the Agent of the Society, "under the direction of the Board of Managers, to further the interests of the Society and increase its capital fund by the enrollment of new members and securement of gifts, donations, bequests, etc. He shall represent the cause of the Society when and as opportunity may present itself before individuals, synods, conferences, congregations and societies, and in every legitimate way arouse an interest in the Society and its work. He shall, if possible, be present at all meetings of the Board of Managers. As far as possible he shall examine into the merits of each application for loan made to the Society and report to and advise with the Committee on Loans, whose meetings he shall attend. He shall keep the Membership Roll Book and shall enter therein all dues when and as paid, and pay the same over to the Treasurer. He shall also notify members when their annual payments become due and attend to the collection of the same. He shall present a report at each quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers and perform such other duties as may from time to time be required by them."

The Committee on Loans receives all applications for loans or assistance made to the Society, together with all papers referring thereto, and after making careful inquiries into the merits of the same, makes report thereon to the Board of Managers.

The Finance Committee, in addition to having personal supervision of the finances of the Society, audits the accounts of the Treasurer from time to time, and examines and passes upon the sufficiency of security offered

for loans when applications are referred to them by the Board of Managers.

Loans are only made to applicants which are members of some synod in connection with the General Council, or which have made application for membership therein, and which use the English language either exclusively or chiefly in their services.

Loans are made only for the erection of church buildings, or for the purchase of lots upon which church buildings are to be erected. Special funds, however, that may come to the Society for specific purposes, shall be administered by it strictly in accordance with the terms or conditions of the gift.

Loans are made for a period not exceeding five years, but may be renewed with or without interest by the action of the Board of Managers. Blanks are provided by the Society to be filled up with the statistical information necessary before an application for a loan can be considered.

The Society acts as trustee for congregations or institutions, in holding their property pending their legal incorporation.

Again returning devout thanks to Almighty God for his blessings since the last meeting of the General Council, the Society most earnestly prays that the Church will evince its interest in the operations of the Society by its substantial and generous support. We ask for the Agent of the Society and his devoted assistants a hearty welcome into the congregations, and every assistance in presenting the claims of the Society for the support of our people.

Very respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. STAAKE, *Secretary.*

Annual Report of E. Augustus Miller, Treasurer of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society for the Year 1906.

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To Balance, January 1, 1906		$ 5,131 71
To Remittances received as follows:		
From Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$ 6,673 48	
From Pittsburgh Synod	2,781 61	
From Synod of New York and New England	953 16	
From Synod of the Northwest	600 39	
From Chicago Synod	378 91	
From District Synod of Ohio	788 44	
From Pacific Synod	188 40	
From Ministerium of New York	11 60	
From Nova Scotia Synod	65 40	
From Individuals	3,612 05	
From Unclassified Sources	5 59	
		$ 16,059 03

From Legacy from the Estate of Clara Schlegelmilch, Deceased.....	500 00		
From Interest on Loans.....$ 23 34			
From Interest on deposit..... 185 00			
	208 45		
From Payment on account of legacy from Estate of Reuben Hill, Deceased	107 70		
		816 15	
			$16,875 18
From Repayment on account of loans as follows:			
Church of Redeemer, Syracuse, N. Y.....$		500 00	
Loan for benefit of Church of Advocate, Germantown		1,000 00	
St. John's Church, New Castle, Del.		1,500 00	
St. James' Church, Portland, Oregon		280 00	
St. John's Church, Anderson, Ind.		300 00	
Church of Incarnation, Philadelphia.....		200 00	
St. James' Church, St. Paul, Minn.		900 00	
			4,680 00
Mortgage loan for Church of Advocate, Germantown, Philadelphia		5,000 00	
Rev. W. A. Schaeffer, D.D. for Church of Advocate, Germantown.....		800 00	
Church of Advocate, Germantown, on account of note and discount.		415 00	
			6,215 00
			$ 32,901 89

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Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., Agent, proportion of salary	$733 33
Expenses of agent	368 05
Salary of Agent's Secretary	172 00
Rev. F. S. Beistel, Assistant Agent, salary for two months	200 00
Expenses of Assistant Agent	51 22
Peter Davidson, Taxes on lot at Mayville, N. D.	50 53
E. W. Roberts, printing pyramids	632 39
Printing and Postage	261 02
Incidentals	35 50
Rev. W. A. Schaeffer, D.D., for Church of Advocate, Germantown	5,000 00
Rev. Dr. Ziegenfuss, for Church of Advocate, Germantown	798 36

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Nat. Bank of Germantown on account note and discount charged to Church of Advocate, G't'n....	360 66	
Expenses for title insurance and securing loan charged to Church of Advocate, G't'n.....	59 44	
		$8,722 50
Loans, as follows:		
Church of Atonement, Washington, D. C.....	$5,000 00	
St. Paul's Church, Scranton, Pa.	2,500 00	
Church of Epiphany, Milwaukee, Wis.....	3,000 00	
New Britain Nat. Bank, for purchase of lot.....	2,908 40	
C. A. Smith, for Church at Winnipeg, Manitoba....	3,000 00	
Church of Redeemer, Attleboro, Pa.	1,000 00	
		$17,408 40
		$26,130 90
Balance in Bank, Dec. 31, 1906		6,770 99
Total		$32,901 89

LIST OF SECURITIES AND ASSETS OF SOCIETY.

Note and Mortgage, Zion's Church, Tacoma, Wash.....	$1,000 00
Bond and Mortgage, Grace Church, Newark, N. J.....	6,000 00
Note and Mortgage, St. John's Church, Chicago, Ill.....	1,500 00
Bond and Mortgage, Church at Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	1,000 00
Note and Mortgage, Ch. of Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis., balance.	5,905 32
Note and Mortgage, St. James' Church, Portland, Ore., balance.	9,008 69
Note and Mortgage, St. John's Church, Duluth, Minn., balance.	3,937 29
Note and Mortgage, Holy Trinity Church, Salt Lake City, Utah	2 400 00
Note and Mortgage, Zion's Church, The Dalles, Oregon.....	900 00
Bond and Mortgage, Bethlehem Church, Philadelphia, Pa.....	2,500 00
Note and Mortgage, St. Peter's Church, Chicago, Ill., balance..	297 38
Note and Mortgage, Holy Trinity Church, LaCrosse, Wis.....	1,450 00
Bond and Mortgage, Church of Transfiguration, Phila., Pa.....	1,000 00
Bond and Mortgage, Holy Trinity Ch., Elizabeth, N. J., balance	1,800 00
Note and Mortgage, Church of Holy Communion, Racine, Wis.	1,500 00
Bond and Mortgage, Church of Resurrection, Philadelphia, Pa.	2,500 00
Note and Mortgage, Holy Trinity Church, Seattle, Wash.....	1,000 00
Bond and Mortgage, Church of Apostles, Philadelphia, Pa.....	5,000 00
Bond and Mortgage, St. Paul's Church, New Kensington, Pa...	900 00
Bond and Mortgage, Church of Our Saviour, Trenton, N. J...	2,000 00
Bond and Mortgage, Trinity Church, Manoa, Pa.	1,000 00
Note and Mortgage, St. Mark's Church, Minneapolis, Minn....	1,200 00
Bond and Mortgage, Bethlehem Church, Philadelphia, Pa.....	2,500 00
Note and Mortgage, Holy Trinity Church, Seattle, Wash.....	2,500 00
Bond and Mortgage, Grace Church, Wyndmoor, Pa.....	2,000 00
Note and Mortgage, St. Paul's Church, Vancouver, Wash.....	1,500 00

Bond and Mortgage, Holy Trinity Church, Elmira, N. Y.	1,000 00
Bond and Mortgage, Grace Church, Kenosha, Wis.....	2,500 00
Note and Mortgage, Emanuel Church, Coshocton, Ohio.....	1,500 00
Bond and Mortgage, St .John's Church, Ogontz, Pa.....	2,000 00
Bond and Mortgage, Grace Church, Perth Amboy, N. J.....	3,000 00
Note and Mortgage, St. James' Church, St. Paul, Minn., balance.	1,600 00
Note and Mortgage, St. Peter's Church, Janesville, Wis.....	3,000 00
Bond and Mortgage, Church of Our Saviour, Philadelphia, Pa.	2,000 00
Bond and Mortgage, Zion Church, Olney, Philadelphia, Pa.....	600 00
Bond and Mortgage, St. Paul's Church, Detroit, Mich.....	5,000 00
Note and Mortgage, Holy Trinity Church, Cleveland, Ohio....	2,000 00
Note and Mortgage, St. Mark's Church, Boston, Mass.....	8,000 00
Deed of Sale, Church of Redeemer, Montreal, Canada.....	5,000 00
Note and Mortgage, St. John's Church, Chicago, Ill.....	2,000 00
Note Holy Trinity Church, Salt Lake City, Utah.....	630 80
Note and Mortgage, St. Luke's Church, Chicago, Ill.....	2,500 00
Note and Mortgage, Trinity Church, St. Paul, Minn.....	2,000 00
Bond and Mortgage, Church of Redeemer, Attleboro, Pa.....	1,000 00
Bond and Deed of Trust, Church of Atonement, Washington, D. C.	5,000 00
Bond and Mortgage, St. Paul's Church, Scranton, Pa.....	2,500 00
Note and Mortgage, Church of Epiphany, Milwaukee, Wis....	5,000 00
Deed for Lot at New Britain, representing loan to mission....	2,908 40
Notes representing loan to Church at Winnipeg, Manitoba....	3,000 00
	$126,037 88
Balance in bank, as above reported	6,770 99
	$132,808 87
Against this should be charged an outstanding Bond never presented for collection	100 00
	$132,708 87
In addition the Society holds a Bond and Mortgage against the Church of Incarnation, Philadelphia, Pa.....	2,000 00
Making the total assets of Society in the way of cash and securities	$134,708 87

Of the above cash balance, $200.00 stands to the credit of mission work in the city of Philadelphia, being the balance of the original loan of $2,200.00 the Society held on the Church of the Incarnation.

The Society also holds title to lots in Bismarck, North Dakota; Mayville, North Dakota; Garden City, Utah; Spanish Fork, Utah; and Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

E. AUGUSTUS MILLER, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, Finance Committee of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society, have examined and audited the account of

E. Augustus Miller, Treasurer of the Society, to January 1, 1907, and find the same correct.

We have also examined the securities as tabulated in the Annual Report and find them as stated.

JOHN WILLING,
JAMES N. MOHR,
Committee.

June 10, 1907.

ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

The following Abstracts of Minutes of the various Synods composing the General Council, as prepared by their respective Presidents, were received and ordered to be entered on the Minutes as a matter of record:

I. Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States.

Annual meetings of the Ministerium were held in St. John's Church, Philadelphia, June 7-12, 1906, and in St. James' Church, Reading, May 23-28, 1907.

The Ministerium now numbers 388 clerical members, and 554 congregations, who report 143,669 confirmed members. During the past two years there were thirteen deaths of ministers; fourteen were transferred to other Synods, and three names were erased from the roll. The accessions were twenty-nine by ordination, and twenty-three were received from other Synods. Among those removed by death were some of the most venerable, eminent and useful members, who had repeatedly represented the Ministerium in the conventions of the General Council; notably, Rev. G. F. Krotel, D.D., LL.D., of New York, Editor-in-Chief of "The Lutheran"; Rev. S. A. Repass, D.D., of Allentown, English Corresponding Secretary of the General Council; Rev. F. J. F. Schantz, D.D., of Myerstown, Pa., and Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D., of Philadelphia.

The accessions to our congregations by confirmation and letter amounted to 20,608; and the losses by death, removal and exclusion, amounted to 11,347, leaving a net gain of 9,261 members in these two years. There are 29 Parochial Schools, with 51 teachers, and 1,619 scholars; and 539 Sunday-schools, with 10,141 officers and teachers, and 93,137 scholars.

The contributions of the congregations for the benevolent work of the Ministerium within its own territory amounted to $122,780.03; for the English and German Home Missions of the General Council, $28,173.88; for Foreign Missions, $24,379.63; for Porto Rico Mission, $1,892.91; and for Church Extension, $15,216.18. During the past Synodical year, the Ministerium has sustained sixty Missions within its own bounds, and aided twenty students in Muhlenberg College and the Philadelphia Seminary, who are preparing for the ministry.

The Theological Seminary, at Philadelphia, reported 61 students in attendance during the past year, 29 of whom were graduated at the Annual

Commencement on the 21st of May. The Krauth Memorial Library building is approaching completion. It consists of a central tower with two wings, and a stack room in the rear having a capacity for 90,000 volumes. The work on its erection, and the cataloguing of the books in the old library is under the superintendence of Rev. Luther D. Reed, who has been appointed Director of the Library. The new building has a front of 92 feet and a depth of 132 feet, and presents an imposing appearance. It is expected to be ready for use early in the year 1908. A steam-heating plant has also been installed, and the necessary buildings erected near the library, capable of supplying heat to all buildings on the Seminary property,—the entire cost of the improvement amounting to $25,000. A desirable lot of ground, having a front of 115 feet on Boyer street, and extending to the rear of the library, and having a fine residence upon it, has been purchased for the future needs of the Institution. The entire property, which has hitherto been held in trust by the Ministerium, has now been transferred to the Seminary Corporation.

Muhlenberg College, at Allentown, is also in a prosperous condition, manifested by a substantial increase in the number of students and in the amount of its endowment. Last year's Freshman Class was the largest in its history, and the Endowment Fund has reached the sum of $210,000. The debt incurred by the removal of the College to its present location and the erection of its new and commodious buildings, has been almost entirely cancelled.

The Orphans' Home and Asylum for the Aged, at Germantown, reports that it has reached the highest mark of usefulness and efficiency in its history. A commodious wing has been added to the Orphanage whereby its advantages and accommodations have been greatly increased. Its last report shows that 174 orphans, and 55 aged persons are on the roll of its inmates.

The Orphans' Home, at Topton, Pa., lost its Superintendent through the resignation and removal of Rev. J. H. Raker. Rev. J. O. Henry has been elected his successor, under whose administration the Home is expected to prosper. About 80 orphans are cared for in this Home.

At the Mary J. Drexel Home and Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses a change has been made by the resignation of Rev. C. Goedel, as Rector, and the installation of Rev. E. F. Bachmann as his successor. There were 51 Deaconesses and 19 probationers connected with the Motherhouse at its last report. Seventy-three pupils were enrolled in the Girls' School, and over fifty little ones in the Christian Kindergarten connected with the Institution.

Rev. H. E. Meyer has resigned the position of Missionary among the Seamen, under the Seamen's Aid Society at the port of Philadelphia. In the expectation that a suitable successor will soon be found, the Ministerium renewed its appropriation of $1,200 to that cause. An auxiliary society has been formed to collect funds to secure a property suitable for a Seamen's Home at this important port. The Swedish Augustana Synod

has been asked to co-operate with the Ministerium, in so far as its work among Scandinavian Seamen is concerned.

GENERAL COUNCIL ITEMS.

1. *Resolved,* That we lay before the General Council the proposition of the advisability of the publication of a properly revised edition of the Mann-Krotel Catechism.

2. On motion of the Allentown Conference, the Ministerium decided to petition the General Council to urge the members of the Church Extension Society to take such steps as will bring the said Society into organic union with the General Council.

3. On motion of the Lancaster Conference, the Ministerium petitions the General Council Publication Board to publish a book on Normal Class Work, for use in our Sunday-schools, as soon as possible.

4. At the Convention held in 1906, the following action was taken in the matter of the Unification of the Home Mission work of the General Council:

"*Resolved,* That the Ministerium of Pennsylvania heartily favors Unification of the English Home Mission work of the General Council." (Adopted by a vote of 146 for, and 58 against.)

The Plan of Unification recommended by the General Council was adopted, with the following amendments:

(a.) The Board shall report its estimates of moneys needed and to be apportioned, not only to the General Council, but also "to the several Synods co-operating with it."

(b.) "The Home Mission Board of this Ministerium shall continue to have charge of the German and German-English Missions within its bounds, and shall report annually to this Ministerium."

(c.) The Seventh Section was adopted with the amendment, "Provided that the foregoing shall not prevent a congregation, Conference or Synod from establishing a Mission at its own expense."

The Ministerium spent some time at its last Convention in a discussion of the Call to the Ministry. So great was the interest manifested, that it was resolved to hold a Special Session of the Ministerium at Philadelphia, some time during the coming winter, for the further discussion of this topic and the practical questions involved in it.

JACOB FRY, *President.*

II. The Ministerium of New York.

The 115th Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of New York and Adjacent States was held from June 21st to 26th, 1906, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Paul, New York City, the Rev. F. H. Bosch, pastor, and the 116th from June 6th to 10th, 1907, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. John, Albany, N. Y., the Rev. O. Krauch, pastor.

There are on the roll 150 ministers serving 149 congregations. The number of communicants is 54,577. There are 139 German Sunday-schools,

with 2,890 teachers and 28,108 pupils, and 50 English Sunday-schools, with 849 teachers and 9,014 pupils. The number of parochial or part-time schools is 96.

$13,303.96 were contributed during the past year for Synodical purposes, $3,868.11 for General Council Missions, and $13,711.11 for other Missions. The Synod requests that in future its congregations give at least 50 per cent. of such contributions for Synodical Missions.

The amount raised for congregational purposes was $472,673.06, and for benevolent and general purposes, $180,799.22.

The value of the Church property is $4,012,497, with a debt of $536,445, which is $71,516 less than a year ago.

Seventeen missions and 10 students received aid and 2 missions became self-supporting. The Ministerial Relief Fund expended $1,125.

There were no doctrinal discussions during the past two years, the time allotted thereto being devoted to the revision of the constitution.

The request of the New York Conference, that it be divided into three or four conferences, was, after a lengthy discussion, referred to the different Conferences for action.

The "Lutherische Herold," the official organ of the Ministerium, has had a very successful year, and reports a surplus of over $300.

The synodical institution, Wagner Memorial College, at Rochester, N. Y., had 30 students during the past year, and an income of $7,998.37, with a surplus of $107.41. The long-standing debt of $4,370 has been paid, and an effort is to be made to raise an endowment fund of $25,000, in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the College, which is to be celebrated next year.

F. W. Oswald, *President.*

III. The Pittsburgh Synod.

The Pittsburgh Synod held two annual meetings since the last meeting of the General Council. The 64th Convention was held in St. John's Church, Erie, Pa., June 14-20, 1906. President, Rev. Wm. J. Miller, D.D.; English Secretary, Rev. D. M. Kemerer; German Secretary, Rev. Paul Kummer; Treasurer, Rev. J. H. A. Kitzmiller; Missionary Superintendent, Rev. C. H. Hemsath.

Items of general interest at the Erie Convention:

1. The appointment of an Inner Mission Board, consisting of six clerical and three lay members, whose appointment shall be for one, two, and three years respectively, and whose successors shall be elected annually by the Synod.
2. The presentation of a proposed Constitution for a Conference Missionary Society.
3. The adoption of new rules for churches applying for mission aid.
4. The adoption of new rules for Beneficiary Education.
5. The Synod, by an unanimous vote, commended our Lutheran publications to the favorable consideration of our people.

6. The Synod heartily commended the Board of Managers of the Old People's Home for the work done, and called the attention of pastors and people to this worthy institution.

7. The Board of Trustees resolved to open Thiel College in September, 1907, and announced the fact to Synod.

8. Synod called attention to an act of the Legislature of Pennsylvania effecting church charters.

9. Forms of church charter and amended charters were adopted.

10. Synod urged upon its members the importance of enlarged missionary operations.

The 65th Convention was held in St. Paul's Church, DuBois, Pa., May 30-June 4, 1907. President, Rev. Wm. J. Miller, D.D.; English Secretary, Rev. D. M. Kemerer; German Secretary, Rev. Paul Kummer; Treasurer, Rev. J. Q. Waters; Missionary Superintendent, Rev. R. G. Rosenbaum.

Items of interest at the DuBois Convention:

1. Synod expressed its sorrow at the removal of one of its most conspicuous members, Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D., a former president of the body, and passed this resolution:

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, unite in giving our heartfelt approval and endorsement to the worthy tribute of respect and honor paid by our President to the life and labors of our departed brother, Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D.

This resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

2. It was resolved that one thousand copies of the excellent letter of Dr. Fritz Teutsch to the Siebenburgers in the United States be published for the use of the Synod.

3. The Board of Managers of the Old People's Home of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church announced that the Home had opened its doors, and that guests had already been received.

4. The Board of Trustees of Thiel College announced, that, after careful consideration of the whole college situation, and consultation with counsel, it is the sense of the Board that the interests and welfare of our college would be best served by a cessation of all litigation in the college removal matter, and, accordingly, action to that effect has been taken by the Board.

5. A committee was appointed to draw up theses on the subject of a Pension Fund for Ministers, to be sent to the Conferences for consideration, and to be discussed at the next meeting of the Synod.

6. In regard to the unification of the English Home Mission work of the General Council, it was resolved that we, as a Synod, reaffirm our action taken at Wheeling, June, 1904, to wit: That we approve the plan for the unification of the English Home Mission work of the General Council, and this Synod hereby declares itself ready and willing to commit its missions to the General Council's English Home Mission Board as soon as the conditions of the plan have been complied with.

7. The Jewish Mission, conducted by Rev. John Legum, a member of our Synod, in the city of Pittsburgh, Pa., was by motion recommended to the consideration of the General Council.

8. The Inner Mission Board of the Synod reported that a free society had been established in Pittsburgh under the name of "The Lutheran Inner Mission Society of Pittsburgh." Three general bodies are represented in the society, the General Council, the Joint Synod of Ohio, and the General Synod. Membership, 160.

9. It was resolved, that the Pittsburgh Synod instruct its delegates to the General Council to request that body to give the Pittsburgh Synod representation on the Boards of the General Council Home Missions and the Board of Foreign Missions.

Parochial statistics from Minutes of 65th Convention—Ministers 138, parishes 125, congregations 190, communicants 31,392, baptisms 1,850, confirmations 1,410, received by letter 775, received by the right hand of fellowship 276, restorations 96, catechumens 863, deaths 546, removals 703, exclusions 223, Sunday-schools 181, teachers 1,872, scholars 19,349.

Contributions: Synodical treasury, $10,900.39; Pentecostal offerings, $1,265.01; ministerial relief, $287.16; Church Extensions, $4,322.50; orphan work, $2,837.04; educational institutions, $2,904.28; General Council Home Missions, $2,620.73; Foreign Missions, $414.63; Homes for Epileptics, $721.63; hospitals, $18.84; Old People's Home, $217.78; other benevolent purposes, $5,081.75; local objects, $229,605.23; total, $264,805.19.

There are 50 mission congregations and mission points served by 29 missionaries. These have a membership of 3,046 communicants, with 2,624 teachers and scholars in Sunday-school.

The next convention will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Greenville, Pa., beginning Thursday after Trinity Sunday, 1908.

WILLIAM J. MILLER, *President.*

IV. The District Synod of Ohio.

The Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio held its 50th Annual Convention in St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Ohio, Rev. G. W. Mechling, D.D., pastor, June 13-19, 1906. At this time the Synod celebrated its Jubilee by special sermons and addresses, and by the beginning of a Jubilee Fund for Church Extension, which, at the close of the meeting, amounted to over $2,000.00. Two young men were ordained and three pastors were received from other Synods.

The 51st Annual Convention of the Synod was held in St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ada, Ohio, Rev. J. Ash, pastor, May 30 to June 3, 1907. At this meeting two young men were ordained and six pastors were received from other Lutheran Synods. The addition to the clerical roll in the two years was 14; the losses by dismissals to other Synods, 7; net gain, 7; present number of ministers, 49; congregations, 82; confirmed members, 14,245; members added, 1,011; Sunday-schools, 89; officers and teachers, 1,189; scholars, 8,967. Value of Church property

and parsonages, $627,634.00. Local expenses and benevolences, 1905-1906, $85,467.58; 1906-1907, $87,177.83. Total for two years, $172,645.41.

At this time seven young men are aided by the Synod in preparing themselves for the ministry, and eight missions are being helped in their struggles, to become self-supporting congregations. There are many places on our territory where congregations should be established, and with an increasing number of laborers and larger benevolences from year to year the day of very small things is receding more and more, and the outlook for greater growth and efficiency in the future is increasingly hopeful and bright.

V. B. CHRISTY, *President.*

V. The Augustana Synod.

The Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod held two annual meetings since the last Convention of the General Council, its 47th annual meeting, in Augustana Church, Denver, Colo., June 14-20, 1906; and its 48th in Maria Church, New Britain, Conn., June 13-19, 1907.

During the biennium thirteen pastors of the Synod departed this life. In this time two have taken pastorates in other Synods of the Council, and two in the Church of Sweden. One has returned his certificate of ordination. Three were received from other Synods, and one from the Church of Sweden. Thirty-eight were ordained to the office of the ministry.

The Synod's latest statistics are as follows: Conferences and mission districts, 11; ministers, 571; congregations, 1,052; Church buildings, 906; parsonages, 507; communicants, 154,307; total number of parishioners, 243,604; infant baptisms, 12,590; adult baptisms, 99; confirmations, 7,883; accessions by letter, 10,465; deaths, communicants, 1,642; removals, 5,752; parochial school—teachers, 561; scholars, 20,578; Sunday-schools—teachers, 8,617; scholars, 68,165. The property valuation of the congregations is $7,290,162.75.

The Synod contributed $108,337.00 to Home Missions, $28,656.70 to Foreign Missions, and $81,979.43 for the care of orphans.

The institutions of mercy were generously supported and carried on their mission with faithfulness and success. The receipts for hospital and deaconess work were $364,662.57. New Homes for the Aged were established, one by the Illinois Conference in Joliet, and one by the Iowa Conference at Madrid. The New York Conference has established a new Orphans' Home, beautifully located at Avon, Mass.

In the work of the Immigrant Houses the disbursements were $46,020.28. Valuable property has been purchased in New York and Boston.

The disbursements of the Church Extension Society were $2,903.20, and of the Pension Fund $14,007.77. The Pension Fund is placed upon a sound basis, and it is obligatory on pastors and churches. The fund amounts to $18,500.00. About 25 receive help from the fund.

The outlook of our educational institutions is very good. Every effort is being made to raise a Jubilee Fund of $250,000 for Augustana College

and Theological Seminary. New colleges have been established, the Minnesota College, at Minneapolis, Minn., Trinity College, at Round Rock, Texas, and Firch College, at Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. The Synod expended $298,930.01 for educational purposes.

The Augustana Book Concern, the publishing house of the Synod, at Rock Island, Ill., has continued to prosper. The Book Concern has three branch stores, in St. Paul, New York, and Chicago. The receipts of the Book Concern were $227,437.13, and the net gain over the appropriation of $8,000.00 to Augustana College was $23,051.75.

The total expenditures of the congregations for all purposes were $2,-993,300.24.

The officers of the Synod are: President, Rev. E. Norelius, D.D., Vasa, Minn.; Vice-President, Rev. L. A. Johnston, D.D., Moline, Ill.; Secretary, Rev. J. G. Dahlberg, A.M., Altona, Ill.; Treasurer, Rev. C. J. Bengston, Rock Island, Ill.

The next meeting of the Synod will be held in Trinity Church, Chicago.

L. A. JOHNSTON, *Vice-President.*

VI. The Canada Synod.

During the biennium our Synod has held two Conventions, the 46th in St. Matthew's Church, Berlin, Ont., June 6-11, 1906, the 47th in Zion Church, Pembroke, Ont., May 31-June 3, 1907, the latter being the first ever held in the Ottawa District.

The Synod's latest statistics are as follows: Ministers, 39; congregations, 81; communicant members, 13,000; voting members, 4,150; souls, 20,500; Saturday confirmation parochial schools, 39; teachers, 21; scholars, 1,138; Sunday-schools, 62; teachers, 576; scholars, 4,250; infant baptisms, 663; adult baptisms, 12; confirmations, 551; deaths, 270; converts, 6.

During the last two years the Synod has contributed for Home Missions, $9,074.50; for Foreign Missions, $2,607.00; for orphans, $842.50; for Invalid Ministers' Fund, $818.50; for different benevolent purposes, $2,-346.00. The expenditures of the congregations were $98,277.00. The Invalid Ministers' Fund amounts now to about $8,300.00.

The Synod has at present 7 mission fields, with 20 congregations, or preaching stations. Two English mission congregations were transferred to the New York and New England Synod, one German-English mission congregation to the Board of English Home Missions.

An itinerant preacher for the district along the main line of the C. P. R. from Chalk River north shall be sent out as soon as possible.

The Synod will hold its next annual meeting in St. Paul's Church, at Hamilton, Ont., Rev. H. Rembe, pastor, beginning Thursday after Pentecost, 1908.

The officers of the Synod are: President, Rev. H. Rembe, Hamilton, Ont.; Vice-President, Rev. A. Eggers, Hespeler, Ont.; Secretary, Rev. H. Weigand, Brodhagen, Ont.; Treasurer, Rev. J. Langholz, Philipsburg, Ont.

H. REMBE, *President.*

VII. The Chicago Synod.

Since the last meeting of the General Council, two annual meetings of the Chicago Synod have been held. The 36th Convention was held in the Christ and St. Paul's Churches, Detroit, Mich., June 13-17, 1906. The 37th Convention was held in St. Luke's Church, Chicago, May 29-June 2, 1907.

The following statistics are taken from the published proceedings of the 37th Convention: Ministers, 40; congregations, 58; communicant members, 5,981; baptized members, 10,213; Sunday-schools, 49; officers and teachers, 616; pupils, 5,366; estimated value of Church property, $488,-585.00. Beneficence (two years), $20,509.09; total expenditures (two years), $96,107.68.

During the biennium, eleven ministers have been received and nine have been dismissed to other Synods.

The Synod's Home Missionary operations continue to occupy a very important place in her activities. Twelve missions have received aid to the amount of $2,300.00 during the past year. Three of these synodical missions became self-supporting at the beginning of the present synodical year. The mission cause of the Chicago Synod has received substantail encouragement and support from two sources, since the last meeting of the General Council. The first is the actual gift of the Church property, at Alexandria, Indiana, deeded to the trustees of Synod by the executor of the estate of Miss Clara Graff, of Philadelphia, Pa.; the second, is the acceptance of an offer made by Mrs. Amanda Bernheim, to give $5,000.00 to be used in the Home Mission work of our Church in the State of Illinois.

The Chicago Synod is heartily in favor of the Unification Plan in our General Council English Home Mission work, and by vote, stands ready to enter into the same.

Educational work is receiving commendable attention. The Colburn Academy, a co-educational institution, located at Mulberry, Ind., affords academic training, and collegiate work up to and including the Sophomore year. This school has secured during the biennium, a commodious, three-story brick building, 57 x 78 feet, for its school purposes.

The Chicago Seminary continues to be a great factor in the successful development of the immense mission field comprised in the territory of the Chicago Synod.

A history of the Chicago Synod has been written by the Rev. M. L. Wagner, of Dayton, Ohio. A committee is arranging for the publication of the same.

The officers of Synod are: President, the Rev. H. B. Reed, Chicago, Ill.; Secretary, the Rev. Wm. J. Seiberling, Mulberry, Ind.; Treasurer, the Rev. I. Whitman, Hillsboro, Ind., R. F. D. No. 2. The next convention will be held in Holy Trinity Church, South Bend, Indiana, beginning Wednesday, June 17, 1908.

H. B. Reed, *President.*

VIII. English Synod of the Northwest.

The Synod of the Northwest has held two conventions during the biennium: one in Salem Church, Minneapolis, Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D., pastor, June 19-25, 1906; the other in St. Peter's Church, Janesville, Wis., Rev. W. P. Christy, pastor, June 5-9, 1907.

The following parochial statistics are gathered from the minutes of the 17th Convention: Congregations, 34, pastors 30, communicants 5,060, Sunday-schools 36, teachers and officers 472, scholars 4,480, benevolent contributions $5,423.70, value of Church property $228,420.

At the 16th Convention, Synod celebrated the Centenary of English Lutheranism, adopted its new constitution and by-laws and determined its Western boundary line.

The deliverance of the General Council on the subject of Marriage and Divorce was adopted and recommended to pastors and people.

A Minister's and Minister's Widows' and Orphans' Fund has been organized, into which each pastor contributes one half of one per cent. of his salary, and each congregation one per cent. of its current expenses.

Great interest has been manifested in Mission work. The contributions have been larger than heretofore. In nearly all our congregations Women's Home and Foreign Mission Societies have been organized. A beginning has been made in the Inner Missions work, in the establishment of a Lutheran Hospice for Young Women in Minneapolis, Minn.

Synod instructed its delegates to the General Council to lay before it the need of a new hymnal with music, and, if possible, to secure immediate action.

The officers of Synod are: Rev. Albert J. Reichert, Red Wing, Minn., President; Rev. John Keehley, Minneapolis, Minn., Secretary; Hon. C. A. Smith, Minneapolis, Minn., Treasurer.

A. J. Reichert, *President.*

IX. German Synod of Manitoba and Other Provinces.

In consequence of a resolution of the Synod at its meeting, A. D. 1905, the Manitoba Synod has held only one convention since the last meeting of the General Council. It met in Trinity Church at Winnipeg, Man., August 15-19, 1907. Rev. M. Ruccius, Strathcona, Alta., was elected President; Rev. H. Becker, Emerson, Man., Secretary, and Mr. P. M. Bredt, Regina, Sask., re-elected Treasurer.

Ten years ago the Synod was founded at the same place with four pastors and four parishes. There are now on the roll of the Synod 19 ministers, 55 congregations, 7,790 baptized members, and 3,550 communicant members.

There have been 764 baptisms, $684.70 contributed to the benevolence work of the Church, and a total of $12,536.30 raised for all purposes. Parochial school is held by the respective pastors in almost every parish, the attendance being 612 pupils.

We rejoice in the erection of eight new churches and three parsonages within the bounds of the Synod.

Pastoral changes were frequent, as it is very hard to get the men for our large and trying fields. For this reason our Synod has not expanded, as it should have, taking into account the numerous immigrants of German Lutheran stock, who have settled in the territory of our Synod. If we had had the men and the money, we could have doubled the number of our congregations. Our brethren in the General Council should remember what the Lord said, Matt. 9:37, 38: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into the harvest."

For the purpose of getting more laborers, the Synod has deemed it advisable to appoint a committee, consisting of the president, ex-officio, and the Revs. Walbaum, Loeb and Willing, to take the preliminary steps for the founding of a theological seminary under the jurisdiction of our Synod or the General Council, within the territory of our Synod.

The "Synodal-Bote," the organ of the Synod, has a subscription list of about 600 names, and is very ably edited by Rev. J. Goos, who was re-elected editor for the third time. Owing to the fact, that the former Northwest Territories were transformed into two provinces of the Dominion of Canada, namely, Alberta and Saskatchewan, the name of the Synod has been changed into "The German Lutheran Synod of Manitoba and Other Provinces."

The next convention will be held, D. V., in Trinity Church, Strathcona, Alberta, beginning July 1, 1909.

M. Ruccius, *President.*

X. The Pacific Synod.

During the last biennium, the Pacific Synod held its usual annual conventions, at Oregon City, Oregon, June 20th to 24th, 1906, and Bellingham, Wash., June 5th to 9th, 1907, respectively. The Parochial Report shows a clerical membership of 13; communicant members, 1313; baptized members, 2490; 15 Sunday-schools with an enrollment of 771 pupils and 100 teachers and officers. There are 9 Luther Leagues with a membership of 248, and 9 Ladies' Aid Societies with a membership of 278. The total benevolence for the year ending June 1st, 1907, was $654.16, local expenses for the same year were $5,836.20, or a total contribution of $6,490.36. The total property valuation is $124,800.

The Seminary question was acted on, and the following doctrinal position was adopted by both the Pacific and the California Synods: "That the doctrinal basis of this Seminary shall be the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice; the Oecumenical Creeds, viz.: The Apostles', Nicene and Athanasian, and the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, ex animo, as the pure exposition of the Divine Word, and the true expression of the Church's teaching. We also recognize the other symbolical

writings, viz., the Apology, the Smalcald Articles, the Catechisms of Luther and the Formula of Concord as the true interpretation of the Augsburg Confession. To this basis our seminary professors shall subscribe."

A committee was appointed to report on a plan for a Minister's and Minister's Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The Synod also has a Women's Synodical Missionary Society, of which Mrs. H. A. W. Yung, of Seattle, is the President; Mrs. J. A. Leas, of Portland, recording secretary; Mrs. C. F. W. Stoever, of Tacoma, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. M. E. Boulton, of The Dalles, treasurer.

Rev. H. A. W. Yung is president, and Rev. Theophil Schoenberg, secretary of the English Conference; and Rev. C. F. Boehner is president, and Rev. W. R. Kraxberger, secretary of the German Conference. The next meeting will be held at The Dalles, Oregon, beginning Wednesday evening, June 24, 1908.

The officers for the current year are Rev. J. A. Leas, Portland, Oregon, President; Rev. F. W. Bussard, Salt Lake City, Utah, Secretary; and Mr. J. C. Bracher, Treasurer.

J. A. Leas, *President.*

XI. The Synod of New York and New England.

During the past biennium "The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York and New England" has held two conventions. The fifth convention was held June 12-15, 1906, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y., the Rev. F. A. Kahler, D.D., pastor, and the sixth convention was held June 25-27, 1907, in St. Paul's Church, Morrisburg, Ont., the Rev. J. C. F. Rupp, pastor.

The recommendations of the General Council relating to Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Church Extension, the Porto Rico Mission, the Emigrant Mission, and Sunday-school work, were acted upon favorably, and appropriate resolutions were adopted strongly recommending these causes to the favorable consideration of the churches. The reports show increased interest and larger gifts. The Unification Plan was first referred to the Conferences for discussion and then adopted with some amendments. The General Council's action on Marriage and Divorce was heartily endorsed and the practice therein set forth was recommended to all our pastors.

The reports from the various departments of Synodical activity show constant growth. The Home Mission work of the Synod has been prosecuted with unabated vigor. Gratifying results are shown. Fourteen new fields have been occupied. Three missions have become self-sustaining, and two have been organized on a self-sustaining basis.

The Synod is gradually taking a larger practical interest in the work of education. One of the laymen of Synod has made a gift of $40,000 to Muhlenberg College, and the Synod itself is considering the question of undertaking to endow a chair in the Seminary at Mt. Airy.

The number of congregations has increased from 45 to 56. Nine candi-

dates have been ordained. Five pastors have been received from, and six dismissed to, other Synods. Three new church edifices have been consecrated.

The officers of Synod are: President, the Rev. William F. Bacher, 30 Rogers St., Kingston, N. Y.; Secretary, the Rev. Samuel G. Trexler, 127 Milton St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Treasurer, Mr. John F. Dinkey, Rochester, New York.

The following statistics show the progress made by the Synod during the biennium:

	1906	1907
Congregations	45	56
Membership	13,740	15,192
Accessions	1,637	1,753
Losses	618	680
Infant Baptisms	679	783
Sunday-school Enrollment	11,522	13,056
Contributions for Current Expenses	$84,970.23	$81,211.33
Benevolent Contributions:		
Synodical Apportionment	$2,164.78	$2,936.49
Foreign Missions	1,574.30	2,677.75
G. C. English Home Missions	1,590.75	1,431.87
Porto Rico Mission	.....	196.79
Church Extension	1,074.66	1,525.53
Education	446.76	263.27
Orphans	619.11	667.30
Other objects	5,227.98	5,332.85
Totals	$12,698.34	$15,031.85

The seventh convention will be held June 16, 1908.

WILLIAM F. BACHER, *President.*

XII. The Synod of Nova Scotia.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nova Scotia has held two Conventions since the General Council met at Milwaukee in 1905. The Fourth Annual Convention was held, June 28-July 1, 1906, in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mahone Bay, N. S., the Rev. W. E. Murray, pastor, and the Fifth Annual Convention was held June 27-30, 1907, in St. Paul's Church, Bridgewater, N. S., the Rev. L. M. McCreery, pastor.

At the fourth Convention the Synod adopted the Unification Plan of General Council Home Missions and agreed to give it trial for three years.

Our Synod's clerical force is small, and our pastors are obliged to scatter their energies over too broad a field, some of them having from five to seven congregations to serve. But in spite of this and other difficulties, the work of the Synod shows a steady increase along all lines. The statistics for 1906 and for 1907 are as follows:

	1906.	1907.
Congregations	24	25
Communicant membership	2,508	2,545
Confirmations	58	129
Infant Baptisms	194	198
Sunday-school Enrollment	1,219	1,615
Contributions for local expenses	$9,074 22	$15,044 80
Contributions for Benevolence:		
Synodical Apportionment	590 36	551 83
Orphans' Home	168 21	249 62
G. C. Foreign Missions	118 44	147 74
G. C. Home Missions	57 70	93 99
G. C. Church Extension	65 30	69 92
Education	5 00	5 00
Other Objects	93 10	30 00
Total	$1,098 11	$1,115 85

Three new churches were built and consecrated during the biennium, viz: St. George, Pleasant River, Queens Co., N. S.; The Temme Memorial, Newburn; and St. Paul, Bridgewater. Two more are completed or in near prospect of completion, St. Mark's, Newcombville, and The Cossmann Memorial, New Germany. All these churches are built on the Gothic style and are churchly in their appointments.

The Bethany Orphans' Home, at Bridgewater, N. S., has secured a Superintendent, or Housefather, in the person of the Rev. Prof. W. H. Little, of Hickory, North Carolina. The Home has now 13 children. It has a bright future before it and is growing in the affections of our people.

Two new pastors were received into Synod at its last Convention, viz: the Rev. Geo. H. Hartwig, pastor of the Midville parish, from the New York Ministerium, and the Rev. W. H. Little, Housefather of the Bethany Orphans' Home, from the Tennessee Synod.

The Synod also authorized the publication of a local Church paper to be known as "The Nova Scotia Lutheran." The paper is to be an eight-page monthly and the official organ of the Synod.

The Sixth Convention of the Synod will be held on the last Thursday in June, 1908, at a place to be determined by the officers of Synod.

WALDO E. MURRAY, *President.*

The Rev. Dr. Ochsenford read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education met in the Sunday-school room of Trinity Church, Buffalo, N. Y., on Wednesday, September 19, 1907, at 11 a. m. The Rev. John A. W. Haas, D.D., was elected chairman of the committee. The deliberations of the committee

were confined largely to the subject of primary education, with a view of perfecting this part of the more extensive plan of the committee as previously outlined. The matter of the Christian Kindergarten, as recommended by the General Council at its twenty-ninth convention, was considered and the fact noted that the Ministerium of Pennsylvania had taken action in conformity with the action of the Council and had recommended to its congregations the establishment of daily Christian Kindergartens, and that some of the congregations of the Ministerium had already established or were about to establish such schools as have been recommended.

The committee is pleased to be able to report that the Mary J. Drexel Motherhouse of Deaconesses, at Philadelphia, and the Institution of Protestant Deaconesses have agreed to arrange courses for the training of teachers for Christian Kindergartens. After discussing the matter of training teachers for this work the following action was taken:

Resolved, That our committee recommend that the General Council request the General Conference of Deaconess Motherhouses to pay special attention to the subject of educating teachers for Christian Kindergarten work and submit its recommendations to this committee before the next convention of the General Council.

For the more thorough work of the committee in the working out of its plan, the following action was taken:

Resolved, 1. That a sub-committee be appointed to agitate the matter of establishment and maintenance of daily Christian Kindergartens in the congregations of the Synods connected with the General Council.

2. That the sub-committee be instructed to inquire of the heads of the delegations as to the status of this work in their Synods and as to the prospects of a general introduction of the system into their congregations.

3. That the sub-committee be charged with the duty of ascertaining, during the next two years, the fact as to how many congregations have inaugurated the work of the Kindergarten and report the results attained at the next convention of this body.

4. That the sub-committee be charged with the duty of presenting an outline of a standard course of instruction for the unification of this work in the congregations, and for adoption by Synods and congregations.

The chairman, at the request of the members of the committee present, appointed the following sub-committee to carry into ef-

fect these resolutions: Revs. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., John A. W. Haas, D.D., S. E. Ochsenford, D.D., and E. F. Bachmann.

In view of the importance of the next step to be taken in the development of the plan for the educational work in the General Council a special committee was appointed to arrange for a meeting of the Committee on Education in Philadelphia, at the time of the special meeting of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, at which the subject of Christian schools of a higher grade, similar to and on an equality with the public schools, shall be considered, to which others, especially those interested in the work of education in the General Council, shall be invited, and in connection with which a public meeting shall be held for the presentation and discussion of the general subject. The chairman appointed the following committee, with the privilege of adding one or more capable educators to the committee: Revs. A. Spaeth, D.D., LL.D., G. W. Sandt, D.D., R. C. G. Bielinski.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Laird, it was

Resolved, That the matter of the extent to which Christian Kindergartens are found in the General Council be referred to the Committee on Education to report at the next Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Laird, it was

Resolved, That the item in the Report of the English Home Mission Board with reference to the securing of more men for the ministry, which was referred to the Committee on Education, and, by its Chairman, declared to be outside of its province, be referred back to the Home Mission Board for action.

The report of the Committee on Education was then adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Dr. Jacobs read the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Part VI—On Papers and Documents.

The Committee on Documents and Papers respectfully reports that there has been placed in its hands a memorial from the Canada Synod with reference to three points:

I. The Synod requests: "As, on the one hand, the standpoint of doctrine of the General Synod, which has been demonstrated very clearly of late by its own representations at different times, shows that the above mentioned Synod still holds a standpoint of doctrine different from that of the General Council, and as on the other hand, mutual attempts of an approachment of the both named Church Bodies, by an interchange of delegates appear to be made:

"*Resolved,* That we petition the venerable General Council for a clear and definite answer to the question: What is the relation of the General Council to the General Synod?"

In response to this request, we recommend that the Theses on the Relation of the General Council to the General Synod which have been adopted at this convention be our answer.

II. The request that the Declaration made at Pittsburgh in 1868 concerning Lodges be republished. We recommend that such publication be made in the Minutes of this Convention, as follows:

PITTSBURGH (1869) DECLARATION REGARDING "SECRET SOCIETIES."

1. Though mere secrecy in association be not in itself immoral, yet as it is so easily susceptible of abuse, and in its abuse may work, as it has often worked, great mischief in Family, Church and State, we earnestly beseech all good men to ponder the question whether the benefits they believe to be connected with secret societies might not be equally reached in modes not liable to the same abuse.

2. Any and all societies for moral and religious ends which do not rest on the supreme authority of God's Holy Word as contained in the Old and New Testaments—which do not recognize our Lord Jesus Christ as the true God and the only Mediator between God and man—which teach doctrines or have usages or forms of worship condemned in God's Word and in the Confessions of His Church—which assume to themselves what God has given to His Church and its Ministers—which require undefined obligations to be assumed by oath, are un-Christian, and we solemnly warn our members and ministers against all fellowship with, or connivance at associations which have this character.

3. All connection with infidel and immoral associations we consider as requiring the exercise of prompt and decisive disci-

pline, and after faithful and patient monition and teaching from God's Word, the cutting off the persistent and obstinate offender from the communion of the Church until he abandons them and shows a true repentance.

4. We would earnestly direct the attention of our Congregations to the great importance not only of pure and large benevolence, but also to the duty and desirableness of arrangements by which systematic provision could be made by Church members for the time of sickness and want, and for widows and orphans.

III. We recommend that the petition concerning the binding of the "Kirchenbuch" be referred to the Board of Publication.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY E. JACOBS,
G. F. SPIEKER,
E. BRENNECKE,
EDMUND BELFOUR.

Under the first item it was on motion of the Rev. Dr. Jacobs,

Resolved, That the statements of official action by the General Synod at its Hagerstown and Des Moines Conventions touching its doctrinal basis, be appended as a footnote to the Theses on the Relation of the General Council to the General Synod.

The report, with its recommendations, was then adopted as a whole.

OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Touching an Official Visitor to the General Synod, the Rev. Dr. Jacobs offered resolutions, which, after prolonged debate, and the taking of many votes, viva voce and by rising, were finally adopted in the following form:

Resolved, That we appoint an Official Visitor to the next meeting of the General Synod, who shall be instructed to present to that Body, with all courtesy and Christian love and consideration, but at the same time with all candor, a statement as to the understanding which this General Council has as to its relations to the General Synod.

Pending the consideration of the report of the Committee on Nominations, it was resolved to adjourn to 7.30 p. m. Adjourned, with the use of the Lord's Prayer, led by the Rev. Dr. F. A. Kaehler, D.D.

TENTH SESSION

TUESDAY, September 17, 7.30 P. M.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Prof. Jacob Fry, D.D., of Philadelphia.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The Minutes of the Ninth Session were read and adopted.

E. Augustus Miller, Esq., read the

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The Trustees of the General Council respectfully report:

There has not been anything specially demanding the attention or action of the Trustees during the last two years.

The treasurer's report is herewith submitted as a part of this report, together with the voucher, showing the payment of the income upon investments for the object for which it is intended.

We regretfully report the death of the venerable and venerated President of the Trustees, the Rev. G. F. Krotel, D.D., LL.D. Failure to secure a quorum at a called meeting of the Trustees has prevented the election of a successor to him in the office of President.

Six Trustees are to be elected at this meeting, three to serve for three years and three for two years (two of whom must be laymen) in place of the following persons whose terms expire: Hon. Wm. H. Staake, Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D., Hon. J. A. Geissenhainer, Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D., Rev. Adolph Spaeth, D.D., LL.D., and Rev. Gottlob F. Krotel, D.D., LL.D.

E. AUGUSTUS MILLER, *Sec'y.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

William H. Staake, Treasurer, in account with the Trustees of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America of the following funds:

SEMINARY BUILDING FUND.

Balance at Audit in 1905	$537 00
Interest from bank	12 50
	$549 50

Cr.

By cash	$000 00
Balance on hand	549 50
	$549 50

(This fund consists of moneys contributed for the erection of a Seminary Building at Rajahmundry, India, title to which is to be held by the Trustees.)

B. W. SCHMAUK LEGACY ACCOUNT.

Dr.

1906.		
Apr. 2.	To cash, 6 mos. int. 4-1-06, $500 E. & P. 4's	$10 00
Oct. 2.	To cash, 6 mos. int. 10-1-06, $500 T. & P. 4's	10 00
1907.		
Apr. 1.	To cash, 6 mos. int. 4-1-07, $500 E. & P. 4's	10 00
		$30 00

Dr.

1907.		
Aug. 15.	To cash, P. S. Zieber, Treasurer For. Miss. Board	$30 00

(The principal of this fund on hand, $498.13 (originally $500, less expenses, $1.87), was received 9-11-99. "B. W. Schmauk Legacy" is to be invested by Board and interest to be used by it in its work at its discretion. Principal is invested in $500 E. & P. 4's.)

UNKNOWN DONOR ACCOUNT.

Dr.

1906.		
Apr. 2.	To cash, 6 mos. int. due 4-1-06 on $2000 E. & P. 4's	$40 00
Oct. 2.	To cash, 6 mos. int. due 10-1-06 on $2000 E. & P. 4's	40 00
1907.		
Apr. 1.	To cash, 6 mos. int. due 4-1-07 on $2000 E. & P. 4's	40 00
		$120 00

Cr.

1907.		
Aug. 15.	By cash, P. S. Zieber, Treas. For. Miss. Board	$120 00

(The interest of this fund is devoted to the cause of Foreign Missions, being received "From person who desires name to be withheld," and is invested in $2,000 E. & P. 4's.)

J. GEORGE WAGNER FUND.

Balance at audit of 1905	$1000 00
Interest from bank	25 00
	$1025 00

Cr.

1907.

Aug. 15. By cash, P. S. Zieber, Treasurer F. M. Board.....	$25 00
Balance on hand	1000 00
	$1025 00

(The Treasurer received on 2-13-93 from C. W. Voshall $1500, to be expended by Trustees for Foreign Missions and German Missions. This principal of $1500 was reduced to $1000 by payment on 2-1-94 to J. J. Kuendig, Treasurer Ger. H. M. Board.)

ESTATE OF SARAH HARWICK, DECEASED.

Balance at audit, 1905	$410 08
Interest from Bank	10 92
	$421 00

Cr.

By cash	$000 00
Balance on hand	421 00
	$421 00

MARY A. RATZEL FUND.

Balance at audit of 1905	$335 00
1906.	
Interest from bank	9 00
June 4. Interest on mortgage due 10-30-05.....	48 60
July 25. Interest on mortgage due 4-1-06.....	48 60
1907.	
March 1. Interest on mortgage due 10-30-06.....	48 60
Apr. 5. Interest on mortgage due 4-30-07	48 60
	$538 40

1907. *Dr.*

Aug. 15. By cash, P. S. Zieber, Treasurer F. M. Board.....	$203 40
Balance of principal on hand	335 00
	$538 40

(The principal of this fund is made up: Amount received from Estate of M. A. R., $2,135, which is represented by Bond and Mortgage on 255 N. 58th St., Phila., $1800; Cash on hand as above, $335. Income of this fund is to be devoted to Foreign Missions.)

KONGO MISSION.

Balance on hand, received 2-13-85, through Rev. C. G. Fischer, for Lutheran Kongo Mission	$3 70

READING, Pa., Aug. 17, 1907.

Hon. Wm. H. Staake, Treasurer,

DEAR JUDGE STAAKE:—I thank you for yours of the 16th, enclosing $378.40, representing income payable to Board of Foreign Missions from the following funds:

Schmauk legacy account	$ 30 00
Unknown Donor account	120 00
J. Geo. Wagner fund	25 00
Mary A. Ratzel Estate	203 40
	$378 40

Yours truly,

PHILIP A. ZIEBER, *Treas.*

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. G. C. F. Haas read the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF IMMIGRANT MISSIONS.

(For the period of two years, ending June 30, 1907.)

"The Germans stay at home." That is an expression often heard now in New York, where the great bulk of immigration enters the new world. Whilst the southern and eastern countries of Europe send their sons and daughters in alarmingly large numbers, people from Great Britain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Germany, whom the United States has always welcomed as most desirable immigrants, are far behind compared with their own numbers registered about ten years ago and further back. During the last five years it seemed as if our German Immigrant Mission had lost much of its former importance and usefulness owing to the steady decrease of German immigration during these years. But do not be deceived by mere appearances. Though the German Empire gives us less than 50,000 of her children annually, there are about as many German-speaking Russians, Austrians, Hungarians and Swiss, many of whom are Lutherans and most of whom seek our counsel, protection and hospitality, so that within the last two years our Mission has come in direct contact with 11,835 pilgrims who have visited our house at No. 4 State street, which truly has become the foremost headquarters for German-speaking immigrants in New York. Besides these your missionary met several more thousands on Ellis Island, who were counseled and assisted in every possible way and helped

through to their place of destination and given good Christian literature on their way to read. In spite of the steadily declining influx from Germany direct, the number of our guests has been increased during the last biennium by 1762 persons. Does that show that our mission is now less useful and necessary than in former years? By no means. It shows, on the contrary, that our mission work is now more appreciated than ever before. To a great extent we owe our success, our good name and reputation, next to God, to our zealous coworkers beyond the Atlantic and not in the smallest degree to the faithful helpers of your missionary in the Emigrant House, which, with the end of this month, looks back to an honorable career of thirty-four years of earnest and blessed work. Here, in the Emigrant House, is the main center of our mission. Whilst on Ellis Island, where your missionary usually spends the forenoon, practical mission work is done, the Emigrant House is the scene of the mission proper. Here your servant meets his guests as the house-father, greets them in the Master's name, warns them of the many dangers threatening body and soul in the great Metropolis, admonishes the stubborn and wayward, counsels the helpless and inexperienced, and has a word of friendly welcome for young and old, for the aged as also for the child. Mornings and evenings the guests are invited to short services in our chapel, which affords ample room for one hundred and twenty people. With very few exceptions the Word of God has been preached in our chapel on every Lord's day. Whilst no one is urged or compelled to attend our religious services very seldom does any one exclude himself from the privilege thus offered to the newcomer. The daily attendance at our services averages about fifty. God alone, who has promised that His word shall not return unto Him void, but shall accomplish that for which it is sent, knows to what extent our guests profit by the simple preaching of His word in our little chapel.

Our mission naturally entertains a large correspondence. Since our last report 11,251 letters and postals were received and answered; about 1000 telegrams and 1500 circulars pertaining to the nature of our work were sent out. Most of this correspondence consisted of questions relating to passage or the advisability of emigration, or referred to such as had arrived here and had forgotten or neglected to write home, in which cases the missionary

was requested to use his good offices to mediate or to remind the neglectful of his sins of omission.

With sincere gratitude we acknowledge the receipt of the gifts of our many friends, by which we were enabled to carry on the mission work, as shown by the treasurer's report attached hereunto. Though it shows a balance of $316.13, we should not forget that the mission needs about $3000 for the next two years to meet all necessary expenses and to properly carry out the wishes of the General Council. Therefore, the missionary asks every pastor and every congregation within the Council to support the Immigrant Mission as liberally as possible, especially as great demands on our treasury are made by those who look for our help. During the last two years 822 poor immigrants received free lodging and board, or were assisted with cash. Many found employment through the agency of your mission; many others availed themselves of the services of your missionary on Ellis Island when they were detained or to be deported.

Your missionary has been promulgating the purpose of our mission, its needs and its privileges among our German Synods within the General Council at their annual meetings and among individual congregations as often as he was asked or permitted to present his cause. He also visited the meetings of the venerable Joint Synod of Ohio at Columbus, Ohio, and of the venerable Synod of Iowa and other States at Mendota, Ill. At both places he was cordially received and afforded the opportunity to speak about and for our Immigrant Mission, which is appreciated and well aided by both Synods.

We thankfully acknowledge the receipt of the following literature: 800 copies of "Lutherischer Kalendar," 25 "Siloah," 25 "Missionsbote," 2 "Lutheran," all from the Publication Board of the General Council; 25 "Lutherischer Herold," from the Ministerium of New York; 12 "Kirchenblatt," of the Canada Synod; 25 "Kirchenblatt" of the Iowa Synod, and 800 "Wartburg Kalender"; 12 "Luth. Kirchenzeitung" of the Joint Synod of Ohio; 42 "Kirchenbuch" from Mr. W. C. Hauff in New York City; 12 "Lutherischer Zionsbote," 25 "Jugendfreund," 12 "Lutherisches Kirchenblatt" (Philadelphia, Pa.), 6 "Kirchenbote" (Philadelphia, Pa.), 1 "Der Lutheraner" (St. Louis, Mo.), and others. All these papers furnish the reading matter for our guests in the house and for the immigrants on Ellis Island.

In our Board a vacancy was created by the death of Mr. Chas. D. Boschen, who faithfully served our mission for many years, which vacancy has to be filled.

May the Lord bless our work in all future times as He has done in the past, and we shall be blessed.

Most respectfully submitted,

Your obedient servant,

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 15, 1907. G. DOERING, *Missionary.*

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Immigrant Missions.

For two years, July 1, 1905, to July 1, 1907.

(a) MISSION ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Donations from congregations, societies and individuals	$1931 20

Disbursements.

Deficit, July 1, 1905	$142 29	
Salary of the Missionary, Rev. G. Doering	999 84	
Mrs. H. J. Berkemeier	360 00	
Emigrant Mission, Bremen, Germany	100 00	
Traveling expenses of the missionary	123 31	
Miscellaneous	9 35	
		$1734 79
July 1, 1907, Balance of Mission Account		$ 196 41

(b) POOR IMMIGRANTS ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

July 1, 1905, Balance in Treasury	$ 85 78	
Donations from congregations, societies and individuals	517 04	
		$ 602 82

Disbursements.

344 cases of assistance to poor immigrants (cash, traveling expenses, boarding and lodging)	$415 60	
378 meals to poor immigrants	67 50	
		$ 483 10
July 1, 1907, Balance of Poor Immigrant Account		$ 119 72
In Treasury for Mission Account		$ 196 41
In Treasury for Poor Immigrants' Account		119 72
Total (deposit in City Trust Co.)		$ 316 13

New York, July 1, 1907. FREDERICK KRACKE, *Treasurer.*

The report was adopted.

The Rev. A. Hult read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INNER MISSION WORK.

The question of Inner Mission work having been forcibly brought before the General Council at its last convention by some theses on Inner Mission, the Council appointed a "permanent committee" on Inner Mission work, "to take these theses into consideration and to enter upon the work."

The committee resolved itself into five groups, the New York and New England, the Eastern Pennsylvania, the Western Pennsylvania, the Chicago and Milwaukee and the Northwestern (centering about the Twin Cities).

Aside from the organization meeting at Milwaukee during the last convention a meeting of the whole committee took place in Pittsburgh, October 2, of last year, and one in Buffalo, September 13, of this year.

The first question confronting the committee was its actual charge. The Minutes of the 30th convention of the Council state that, on motion, it was

Resolved, That a permanent Committee on Inner Mission work be now appointed, which shall take these theses [offered by the Rev. C. Theo. Benze, and discussed by the Council] into consideration.

It seemed plain to the entire committee that, if this be the actual scope of the committee's work, its powers were extremely limited, and it further appeared strange that a "*permanent* committee on Inner Mission" should have been appointed permanently to consider a set of Theses, albeit valuable and full of suggestions, from which a permanent committee might gather inspiration for a perpetual Inner Mission discussion. The members of the committee, among whom the original mover of the resolution, remembered that the motion included another clause, namely, "and enter upon the work." The committee therefore resolved that its sense of the Council's actual action in the matter was:

Resolved, That a permanent Committee on Inner Mission work be now appointed, which shall take these Theses into consideration and enter upon the work.

It is easily understood how the uncertainty produced by the circumstance named has hindered the committee in its work.

In order that the committee might more readily arrive at an understanding of the problem before it, the Inner Missions, a series of questions were submitted by the chairman and secretary to the groups of the committee for consideration and as a basis of action for the first joint meeting of the committee. The Council will, we believe, be interested in hearing these.

1. Is the Inner Mission work to be carried on by the General Council as a body, or by Synods, or by free organizations?

On this point the committee

Resolved, That we do not deem it expedient that the Inner Missions be carried on by the Council as such, but rather by special organizations for that purpose in the Church; and that it might be undertaken with success by Synods and Conferences.

2. Would it be sufficient if the General Council simply outline principles and methods as a guide for Inner Mission work and not itself engage in it?

Resolved by the Committee, That it is the judgment of the Committee, that the Council, through its Committee, should outline principles and methods, and give general direction to the work by advising and suggesting wherever its counsel may be sought; also that the General Council Inner Mission Committee recommend to the General Council the appointment of a General Secretary of Inner Mission Work, whose function it shall be to travel about in our General Council churches and kindle the flame of Inner Mission interest, to assist in organizing the work wherever his help may be called for, and in general to be an educated, authoritative, inspiring and directing representative of this great cause.

3. Must the work be carried on only by those trained for the male and female diaconate, or may it serve our need in America to employ those who, without special training, give evidence of suitable qualifications? Or would it be well, selecting the best workers available, to send them abroad for special training?

Resolved, That it is our opinion that the work must be carried on principally by trained workers, who have been educated at home, and, wherever possible, also by post-graduate study abroad, assisted by free helpers under the supervision of the trained workers.

4. What general work, included in the Inner Missions, could the General Council as such undertake and press through its committee?

This fourth point was acted on by the resolution to appoint a committee to publish a Handbook on Inner Missions, by the appointment of a committee on Lutheran Inner Mission statistics for America, and a Press Committee, and by a resolution as to the study of Inner Missions at Theological Seminaries which presently will appear among the recommendations of the committee to the Council.

5. What are the specific needs in America, calling for principles and methods definitely adapted to the work in our country? (Passed by, as partly covered before.)

6. What advice should be given by this committee in reference to the question of co-operation with Lutherans not of the General Council in local Inner Mission work on a specific field?

On this last point the committee

Resolved, That this question be left to the individual Synods and Conferences to solve, according to local circumstances.

It remains for the General Council to take action upon the committee's conception of its work, if such action be deemed necessary.

The Revs. J. F. Ohl, Mus.D., and C. Theo. Benze were made a committee to publish a "Handbook on Inner Missions." This Inner Mission Manual, which will give a conception of the scope of Inner Missions, the History of Inner Missions, and the field of Inner Mission activity, is now well under way and may appear during the course of the winter months.

The following recommendations are submitted:

1. That the Committee on Inner Missions be given the opportunity to present the cause of Inner Missions to the Summer Schools, Conferences, and District Synods of the General Council.

2. That the General Council recommend that, where such is not already the case, the Theological Seminaries within its bounds introduce the Science of Inner Missions as a regular branch of study in the department of Practical Theology.

3. That a General Secretary of Inner Mission Work be appointed, whose function it shall be to travel about in our General Council churches and kindle the flame of Inner Mission interest, to assist in organizing the work wherever his help may be called for, in general, to be an educated, inspiring and directing representative of this great cause.

The committee would state in this connection that, up to the present, it had not been able to find a proper person to nominate

for such a secretaryship, but has appointed a special committee for this purpose, should the General Council see fit to adopt this recommendation.

In conclusion, the committee expresses the earnest wish that the Inner Mission question be everywhere most seriously taken into consideration by pastors and congregations, so that our General Council may soon witness the inauguration of a great Inner Mission activity throughout the length and breadth if its territory and particularly in the populous cities of our land.

Most respectfully submitted,

J. F. Ohl, Chairman,
George H. Trabert,
C. Theodore Benze,
Franklin F. Fry,
F. A. Kaehler,
G. Doering,
H. W. Roth,
A. Spaeth,
Edward T. Horn,
Adolf Hult, Sec'y.

Item 1 was adopted.

Under Item 2, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That this item be referred for favorable consideration to the Boards of Directors of our theological seminaries.

Under Item 3, it was, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Fry

Resolved, That the Committee on Inner Mission Work be authorized to appoint a suitable person as General Secretary, and to inaugurate plans for securing funds out of which the salary of the General Secretary shall be paid.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

The Rev. C. Theodore Benze read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

BOARDS.

1. Board of English Home Missions.

Rev. S. Laird, D.D.
" G. W. Sandt, D.D.
" W. F. Bacher.
" J. E. Whitteker, D.D.
" O. P. Smith, D.D.
" I. Chantry Hoffman.
" H. A. Weller.
E. Augustus Miller, Esq.
Prof. L. M. Haupt, Sc.D.
Mr. F. D. Bittner.
" W. H. Hager.
" A. G. Saeger,
" A. C. Albrecht.
" Wm. N. McNair.

SECOND SET OF NOMINATIONS.

Rev. S. Laird, D.D.
" G. W. Sandt, D.D.
" W. F. Bacher.
" J. E. Whitteker, D.D.
E. Augustus Miller, Esq.
Mr. F. D. Bittner.
" W. H. Hager.

2. Board of German Home Missions.

Rev. Emil C. J. Kraeling.
" F. Holter.
" C. R. Tappert.
" J. J. Kuendig, D.D.
" G. C. Berkemeier, D.D.
" C. G. Fischer.
" H. D. E. Siebott.
" J. Nicum, D.D.
Rev. H. Rembe.
Mr. F. Kracke.
" M. Wulff.
" Wm. P. M. Braun.
" G. Speckel.
" G. F. Anger.
" G. Dopslaff.

3. Board of Swedish Home Missions.

Rev. E. Norelius, D.D.
" P. J. Brodine, D.D..
" C. E. Lindberg, D.D.
" L. G. Abrahamson, D.D.
" E. K. Jonson.
Prof. C. W. Foss, Ph.D.
Mr. C. A. Larson.
" J. A. Larson.
" Andrew Peterson.

4. Board of Foreign Missions.

For Four Years.

Rev. Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D.
" Gustaf Nelsenius, D.D.
" John A. Weyl.
" W. E. Frey.
Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, D.D.
Mr. Conrad Itter.
P. S. Zieber, Esq.
Mr. C. B. Opp.

5. Porto Rico Mission Board.

Rev. J. L. Smith, D.D.
" Edm. Belfour, D.D.
" W. J. Miller, D.D.
" P. J. O. Cornell.
" A. F. Lundquist.
Mr. Thomas H. Lane.
" W. Warren Wattles.
" Wm. Steinmeyer.
" J. S. Seaman, Sr.

6. Board of Publication.

For Four Years.

Rev. S. Addison Ziegenfuss, D.D.
" Chas. J. Cooper, D.D.
" J. E. Whitteker, D.D.
Mr James G. Finley.
" C. B. Opp.

7. Board of Immigrant Missions.

Rev. G. C. F. Haas, D.D.
" A. Richter.
" J. J. Heischmann, D.D.
" H. Beiderbecke.
" D. W. Peterson.
" J. C. R. Luehrs.
" Wm. Ludwig.
Rev. Hugo W. Hoffman, Ph.D.
" Jacob W. Loch, Ph.D.
" C. G. Fischer.
Mr. Fr. Kracke.
" John H. Boschen.
" Peter Reppenhagen.
" Wm. C. Hauff.

8. Board of Slav Missions.

Rev. J. O. Schlenker.
" Wm. M. Rehrig, Ph.D.
" J. Chas. Rausch.
" E. A. Trabert.
" H. R. Erdmann.
Rev. C. T. Benze.
Mr. Charles A. Worsley.
" W. S. Loucks.
" H. E. Young.

9. Trustees of the General Council.

For Two Years, Ending 1909.
Hon. Wm. H. Staake.
Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D.
Hon. Jacob A. Geisenhainer.

For Three Years, Ending 1910.
Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D.
" Adolph Spaeth, D.D., LL.D.
" T. E. Schmauk, D.D.

C. Theodore Benze.
Carl J. Bengston.
S. E. Ochsenford.
Fr. Veit.
George C. F. Haas.
H. B. Reed.
Albert F. Siebert.
Alfred Appell.
A. W. Geiger.
Chas. A. Schnepel.

The report was adopted by items and as a whole, thereby electing all the nominees.

The Rev. Dr. G. C. F. Haas read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE OFFICIAL VISITORS.

To General Synod:

Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D. LL.D., Primarius.
Rev. E. T. Horn, D.D., LL.D., Secundus.

To United Synod of the South:

Rev. J. L. Smith, D.D., Primarius.
Rev. I. O. Baker, Secundus.

To Icelandic Synod:

Rev. J. A. Krantz, Ph.D., Primarius.
Rev. C. J. Petri, D.D. Secundus.

To United Danish Church:

Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., Primarius.
Rev. M. C. Ranseen, D.D., Secundus.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Spaeth read the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELATION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL TO THE GENERAL LUTHERAN CONFERENCE IN EUROPE.

1. *Invitation to the General Conference to Meet in America.*—At the last convention of the General Council in Milwaukee (see Eng. Min., p. 229), it was resolved "that the General Council approve of the work done by the General Executive Committee along the lines laid down by the committee itself and urge it to issue the invitations and make the necessary arrangements for an international Lutheran Conference to be held in the United States of America in 1907."

When the members of the Executive Committee met in Philadelphia, in the spring of 1906, it was, after careful consideration of the whole situation, resolved that the invitation to the General Lutheran Conference to meet in America be postponed for the present.

2. *Difficulties in the General Conference itself.*—Even if our Executive Committee had decided to invite the Conference, such an invitation would not have been accepted, at least for this year, inasmuch as the "Engere Konferenz" resolved that, owing to certain difficulties among the German sections of the General Conference, it could not hold a meeting in 1907.

The principal difficulty arises from the question as to the admission, with the full right of vote, of Lutherans in the Union. These Lutherans in the State Church have recently been seeking full entrance into the Conference on equal terms. On account of these difficulties Count Viztum has resigned the presidency and Bishop von Schéele has become acting president.

The representatives of the General Conference in the "Engere Konferenz," viz., the President of the Council and the Chairman of your committee, have been asked to state their position with reference to this crisis. In our answer which was printed and circulated among the members of the Conference by Dr. Resch, we have taken decided confessional ground.

The chairman of your committee was very anxious to meet with the "Engere Konferenz" at its fall convention this year, and addressed a petition to the acting President, Bishop von Schéele,

to arrange that meeting if possible during the month of August when he was in Europe. This could not be done, and the meeting will take place in the third week of October in Leipzig. However strongly it was urged by the members of the Conference that he should remain in Europe to attend that important meeting it was, of course, impossible to do so.

It is hoped that a regular convention of the General Conference will be held next year somewhere in Thuringia, probably in Eisenach or Rudolstadt, and the brethren in Germany are very anxious that the General Council should be represented there by a delegation.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the committee,

A. Spaeth, Chairman,
Samuel Laird,
J. E. Whitteker,
G. C. Berkemeier,
H. Offermann.

The report was adopted, and on motion of the Rev. Dr. Berkemeier,

Resolved, That the appointment of a delegate to the General Lutheran Conference in Europe be left to the President of the General Council.

REPORTS OF OFFICIAL VISITORS TO OTHER BODIES.

Reports were received from the various Official Visitors to other Bodies, and were ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

REPORT OF THE VISITOR TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America:

Under appointment of the President I visited the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States in session at Sunbury, Pa., on Monday, May 27, 1907. I was received very cordially. In a brief speech I urged the desirableness of a co-operation of all Lutherans in this country, on a right basis, and referred to the fact that some coolness seemed to be stealing over our mutual relations. To this a kindly response

was given. I am sorry to report that the Minutes of this convention of the General Synod have not yet been published, and, therefore, I can not call your attention to matters of common interest.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD T. HORN.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE UNITED SYNOD SOUTH.

The undersigned having attended the last meeting of the United Synod South at Dallas, N. C., in July, 1906, upon the invitation of its Board of Missions, was appointed by your President, to present, in the absence of your regularly appointed visitor, and his alternate, the greetings of the General Council. It was also arranged that the visitor regularly appointed to the United Synod, Rev. E. T. Horn, D.D., should take the place of the undersigned as visitor to the General Synod. An entire evening, at the meeting, was devoted to the address of your representative and the reply of the President, Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., Dean of the Theological Seminary at Mt. Pleasant, S. C.

The United Synod is more closely connected than any other Lutheran Body with the General Council. It stands upon the basis of the entire Book of Concord, and a large proportion of its pastors, including its President, its Professors of Theology, the President of Roanoke College, and the editor of its official organ, "The Lutheran Visitor," are graduates of the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Of its four foreign missionaries, two are graduates of Philadelphia and two of Chicago. There is within this body a warm sympathy with the General Council and its interests.

Extraordinary activity and a remarkable advance in various forms of church enterprise, have characterized the United Synod in recent years. Although having only about one-tenth the number of communicants of the General Council, its contributions to general causes within the last two years have been as follows:

Roanoke College	$60,000 00
Newberry College	50,000 00
Lenoir College	20,000 00
Orphans' Home	19,000 00

Publication cause	10,000 00
Mission School in Japan	25,000 00
	$184,000 00

To this should be added $60,000, secured for the colleges from outside sources, and the $30,000 collected just before this period for the second professorship in the Theological Seminary.

The new "Book of Worship" has been printed by the General Council Publication House, and, besides the standard text of the Common Service, contains the selection of hymns made by the Joint Committee, of which our Church Book Committee is a part.

The next convention of the United Synod will be held in Savannah, Ga., in 1908. This body should appoint a visitor and alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY E. JACOBS.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE UNITED DANISH CHURCH.

To the Officers and Delegates of the General Council at Buffalo, N. Y., Greetings:

The twelfth annual convention of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America was held at Council Bluffs, Iowa, from June 5th to 11th, 1907. The President, Rev. G. B. Christensen, had assigned a prominent place on the program to your fraternal delegate, but the convention of the Synod of the Northwest at Janesville at the same time, made it impossible to accept the appointment. A cordial reception was tendered him, however, on Monday June 10th, and in the afternoon, amidst the rush of important business, an opportunity was given to present the greetings of the General Council, to which the President replied in words of earnestness and Christian love. The Rev. Prof. Vig was also called upon to reply to your greetings, which he did in a masterly address, pointing out the importance of the work of their Synod and the interesting history of their growth.

It is both interesting and profitable to note the progress of our sister Synod. This noble body of laborers in the Lord's vineyard reports for last year, 158 congregations, 100 ministers, 1200 members added, total membership about 19,000. Home missions,

45; two missions in Indian Territory, one in Utah, one in Japan with two missionaries and two native helpers.

Trinity Theological Seminary and Dana College at Blair, Neb., six professors and 125 pupils; Luther College, Racine, Wis., four teachers; Brorsau College, Kenmare, N. D., three teachers; Elk Horn College, Elk Horn, Iowa, three teachers. Each of these schools has from 50 to 75 pupils.

Two orphans' homes are maintained, one at Waupaca, Wis., with 25 children, and one at Elk Horn, Iowa, with 20.

During the year $13,613 was raised for the schools at Blair and for missions, and $2235 for charities. $10,000 is about to be raised for an Old People's Home.

The United Danish Church is growing with a rapidity that is both safe and sound. They are looking forward to the solving of the great English question and the matter of education. This body is doing a noble work in the Kingdom of our Lord and may the richest blessings of Jehovah ever rest upon these brethren and their labors.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. D. Haupt.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE ICELANDIC SYNOD.

As the representative of the General Council I spent two days at the annual convention of the Icelandic Synod, which convened in the Evangelical Lutheran Icelandic Tabernacle Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Thursday evening, June 20, 1907. On the following Saturday morning it was my privilege to bring the greetings of the General Council to our Icelandic brethren in faith.

In an eloquent response, given at the request of the Synod by the Rev. B. B. Johnson, he expressed the most cordial feeling for the General Council. He spoke feelingly of the fact that the younger pastors of their Synod had been educated at General Council institutions, Gustavus Adolphus College and the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Chicago. He spoke of the influence and inspiration, which their weak Synod is receiving from this great conservative body.

The Icelandic Synod is making marked strides forward amid difficulties that many of us cannot appreciate. The entire Ice-

landic population of this country is estimated at some over twenty thousand, scattered over several States and a large portion of Canada. There are no very large Icelandic communities, as there are among Lutherans of other nationalities. This makes home mission work exceedingly difficult. And yet the Synod has a membership of between four and five thousand communicants, which is a marvelously large percentage of the Icelandic population, when compared with conditions among other nationalities. The Synod consists of 42 congregations and nine pastors. A number of licensed preachers are employed in the home mission work. A committee is devising ways and means for the establishing of an educational institution, but as yet no definite action has been taken by the Synod. Some money has been collected as a fund for foreign missions, but as yet the Synod has not seen fit to support, regularly, any existing mission, or to take up a mission of its own.

The venerable Rev. Bjarnason, of the First church of Winnipeg, President of the Synod from its organization, was re-elected. A son of the Bishop of Iceland, the Rev. Frederick Halgrimson, is secretary.

We sincerely hope that this energetic Synod may see fit to unite with the General Council organically, as it is now united in union of faith.

Very respectfully,

PETER PETERSON.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE IOWA SYNOD.

The undersigned respectfully reports that he attended the late convention of the Joint Synod of Iowa held at Mendota, Ill., June 20th to 25th, 1907, as the official delegate of the General Council to that body. He was most cordially received and made to feel, that, as the representative of the General Council, he was not only welcome as a guest, but considered a near and dear relative. The Iowa Synod, although standing independent and possessing a strong and well pronounced individuality, still cherishes a high regard and true brotherly spirit toward the General Council, conscious of that unity of faith which is the one and only requirement for a true Christian union in spirit and in truth.

Although not organically united, these two bodies have, from the very beginning, and, we may add, never more so than at the present time, recognized their close affinity and have mutually co-operated both on theological and on practical lines. We find in the Iowa Synod our Kirchenbuch, our Sonntagschulbuch, our Church Book and many of our other standard publications.

The most important matter transacted at the recent convention of the Iowa Synod was the discussion of the Toledo Theses. These Theses were set forth by representatives of the Joint Synod of Ohio and the Iowa Synod at a colloquium held in Toledo in February of this year. The initiative in this matter was taken by the Ohio Synod; the object in view is to come to an understanding on many disputed questions of doctrine and to establish mutual recognition between the two Synods so that each shall respect the other, not only theoretically, but also in the practical operations of missionary work. The Theses were adopted by the Iowa Synod, and, if the Ohio Synod likewise adopts them, a modus vivendi will have been established between these two great Western bodies of our Church.

The most important activity of the Iowa Synod from its very beginning is the work of Home Missions; German, it is true, almost exclusively German. But the Iowa Synod understands the demand for and the necessity of the English, and is preparing for the introduction of English wherever it is found necessary.

On the 21st of February, 1908, it will be an hundred years that Wilhelm Löhe was born. It was resolved by the Iowa Synod, that the centenary of the birth of this great man, who has done so much for our Lutheran Church in America, particularly for the Iowa Synod, be appropriately observed by the congregations and institutions of the Synod.

Shortly before its last convention the Iowa Synod was deeply grieved by the death of one of its founders and former presidents, the venerable Rev. Johannes Deindörfer. His name will go on record as one of the great pioneers of our Lutheran Church in this country.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. Berkemeier.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Berkemeier, it was

..*Resolved,* That we recommend to our congregations the celebration of the birth of the Rev. William Loehe. (Born Feb. 21, 1808, in Fürth, Bavaria; died, Jan. 2, 1872, at Neuendettelsau.)

The Rev. Mr. Zweizig read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS REFERRED TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL BY THE DISTRICT SYNODS.

Your committee has examined the Minutes of the various Synods as carefully as could be done in the limited time at its disposal, and finds the following matters requiring the attention of the General Council:

I. The Ministerium of Pennsylvania makes these three requests:

1. To consider the advisability of the publication of a properly revised edition of the Mann-Krotel Catechism, a matter already disposed of by this convention.

2. That the members of the Church Extension Society be urged to take such steps as will bring the said Society into organic union with the General Council.

3. That a book of Normal Class Work be published for use in Sunday-schools.

II. The Pittsburgh Synod requests that it be given representation on the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions of the General Council.

It also resolved that the Jewish Mission Work conducted by the Rev. John Legum in the city of Pittsburgh be commended to the General Council for its support.

III. The Synod of the Northwest requests that immediate steps be taken toward securing a common musical setting to the Common Service and the proposed Common Hymnal.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Zweizig,
A. J. Reichert,
H. H. Bruning,
W. M. Rehrig.

Item 1 was already disposed of by action in the Ninth Session.

Under Item 2, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Roth,

Resolved, That this item be adopted, and referred to the Church Extension Board for favorable consideration.

Under Item 3, on motion it was

Resolved, That this item be referred, with our commendation, to the Board of Publication.

The request of the Pittsburgh Synod as to representation has been complied with. The Jewish Mission Work is again commended to the congregations. (The Missionary's address is: Rev. John Legum, 1227 Wylie Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.)

Under the request of the English Synod of the Northwest, on motion of the Rev. H. Douglas Spaeth, the following was adopted:

WHEREAS, Although we have a Common Service, which is in almost universal use in our English churches, yet this service is rendered in a great variety of musical settings, and

WHEREAS, Such diversity often makes it impossible for Lutherans of one congregation to enter heartily into the service as they find it sung in a sister church, thereby nullifying the very purpose for which the Common Service was created, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Church Music be instructed to select a suitable setting for the Chief and also for the Vesper Service, and report to the next Convention of the General Council.

The report was adopted as a whole.

TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT CONVENTION.

Invitations to the General Council to hold its 1909 Convention were extended by the Lutheran Churches of Allentown, Pa., Salem Congregation, Minneapolis, Minn., St. Peter's Congregation, Lancaster, Ohio, and St. James' Congregation, Portland, Oregon.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Fry, it was

Resolved, That the place be decided by ballot.

Tellers: The Revs. Waidelich, Reichert and Gongaware.

Salem Church, Minneapolis, Minn., was decided upon as the place of the Convention of 1909.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Fry, it was

Resolved, That the time be the second Thursday of September, 1909.

The Rev. Dr. Ohl offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That, beginning with the next Convention, if local conditions permit, the business sessions of the Council be held from 9 A. M. to 1 P.

M., and that the time now occupied by the afternoon sessions be given up to the work of the various committees.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Spaeth, it was

Resolved, That this matter be referred to the next Convention.

GERMAN OFFICIAL ORGAN.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Spaeth, it was

Resolved, That the committee appointed to call the Conference of German brethren be directed to bring the matter of a German Official Organ to the attention of those German Synods in the General Council that have organs of their own, and also to lay it before the German Conference, and report the result of their negotiations to the next Convention of the General Council.

PRINTED REPORTS OF BOARDS, ETC.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. G. C. F. Haas, it was

Resolved, That all reports of Boards, of Standing Committees, and of Special Committees now presented to the General Council in printed form, shall not be read in full on the floor, but shall be ready for distribution to the members of the Council at its first business session, together with a brief summary indicating the items which require action, which summary shall be presented at the proper time in the order of business as the basis of action; provided, however, that it shall be the right of any delegate to enquire concerning, and to suggest action in connection with, any other part of the full report.

The Rev. Dr. Sandt read the

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST.

Your archivist begs leave to report that during the present biennium, a file of "The Workman," with some numbers missing, has been donated to the General Council Archives by the Rev. G. W. Critchlow, now of Jamestown, New York. This is the second valuable donation by this brother, as in the previous biennium he presented to the archives a complete set of minutes of the Pittsburgh Synod. Quite recently, the archivist of the English Synod of the Northwest, Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht, sent to your archivist a set of the minutes of that body, complete with the exception of the year 1903, which he hopes soon to forward. The secretary of the Chicago Synod, Rev. W. J. Seiberling, has forwarded the minutes of 1907. Beyond this, nothing has been re-

ceived. It is possible that copies of last year's minutes have been sent to "The Lutheran" when they were intended for the archives, and your archivist would request that all copies intended for the archives should be sent to him and not to "The Lutheran."

GEO. W. SANDT, *Archivist.*

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Crile read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO LOCATE A GENERAL BOARD IN CHICAGO.

Your committee held a number of meetings and after much deliberation begs to report as follows:

I. The only Board that should be considered in this connection is the Board of Foreign Missions.

II. The question of the removal of this Board should be deferred until the next meeting of the General Council.

AUSTIN D. CRILE,
GEO. W. SANDT,
WILLIAM K. FRICK,
JAS. M. SNYDER,
HENRY E. JACOBS,
ALBERT F. SIEBERT,
J. L. SMITH.

The report was adopted, and the committee continued.

The Rev. Dr. Rehrig read the

APPORTIONMENT FOR SLAV MISSIONS.

Your committee appointed to apportion $4000 for Slav Work, among the different Synods of the General Council, would report as follows:

1.	Pennsylvania Ministerium	$1,900 00
2.	Pittsburgh Synod	600 00
3.	New York Ministerium	450 00
4.	New York and New England Synod	400 00
5.	Augustana Synod	250 00
6.	District Synod of Ohio	175 00
7.	Canada Synod	100 00
8.	Chicago Synod	50 00
9.	English Synod of the Northwest	50 00

10. Pacific Synod	10 00
11. Nova Scotia Synod	10 00
12. Manitoba Synod	5 00
	$4,000 00

J. O. Schlenker,
W. M. Rehrig,
C. Theodore Benze,
H. R. Erdman,
Chas. A. Worsley.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Ohl read the

REPORT OF THE CHURCH BOOK SOCIETY.

To the President and Members of the General Council:

Reverend Fathers and Brethren: The "Lutheran Church Book and Literature Society" begs permission to present to you the following report for your consideration:

Since its organization the Society has supplied a total of 450 Church Books and 181 Sunday-school Books to 15 newly established missions, and two charitable institutions.

The Society has published three tracts: "Why should I go to Church," "Why Belong to the Church?" and "Why Should I Be a Lutheran?" that have attained a combined circulation of 36,800 copies. The address delivered by the Rev. Luther D. Reed at the last annual meeting of the Society has also been printed in pamphlet form, and can be obtained from the Society.

While the membership has increased considerably in the past year, it is unfortunately still too small to enable the Society to meet all the demands made upon it. With deep regret the Board of Managers has been compelled to refuse more than one request, and to limit others, because the funds at hand were not sufficiently large. The Society, therefore, earnestly asks the active support of the pastors and laity of the General Council in the furtherance of its work. Steps have been taken towards the incorporation of the Society and it will soon be ready to receive and manage bequests.

To our great sorrow the Society was recently deprived of its President, Dr. William Ashmead Schaeffer, by death. The for-

mer vice-president was elected to fill the vacancy and the officers are now the following: President, The Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus. Doc.; vice-president, the Rev. A. C. Carty; recording secretary, Mr. H. M. Dern; corresponding secretary, the Rev. John C. Mattes; treasurer, E. Clarence Miller, Esq.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN C. MATTES, *Cor. Secretary.*

The report was received and ordered to be spread on the Minutes.

The Rev. Mr. Christy, for the Committee on the Application of New Synods, reported that none had made application.

The Rev. Dr. Hunton read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

Your committee would respectfully report, that owing to the recent legislation with regard to railroad rates, making it questionable whether Reduced Fares on the Certificate Plan would be granted after Sept. 1st, and in view of Special Niagara Falls Excursions and Summer Tourist Tickets which were available for those who could not secure the Clergy Half Fare, it was decided to make no application for Certificate Rates for this convention.

Notices were published accordingly and considerable correspondence was conducted in answers to the delegates and visitors giving information as to rates and routes.

The probability now is that there will be a more settled condition in the matter of passenger tariffs by the time another convention is held, and that it will be possible to secure concessions from the railroads for future gatherings. The important thing is to secure concerted action on the part of all who attend, as was clearly demonstrated at Milwaukee, where enough certificates to assure the rate were in the hands of the committee before the convention was opened.

Respectfully submitted,
W. L. HUNTON,
O. E. PFLUEGER,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

FREE CONFERENCE OF INDEPENDENT SYNODS.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Kunzmann, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to confer with the Independent Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America and, if possible, to call a Free Conference for the discussion of Fundamental Principles and for the promotion of a closer union.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Roth, it was

Resolved, That the consideration of this resolution be postponed until the next Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Spaeth read the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEACONESS CAUSE.

Since the last convention of the General Council no meeting of the General Conference of Lutheran Motherhouses in America has been held. It was intended to hold a meeting in Omaha in the summer of 1906, but on account of the serious sickness of its rector this appointment could not be adhered to.

At present the pastors of four of our Motherhouses are in Europe attending the triennial meeting of the great Kaiserswerth Conference, so that we are not even able to submit reliable statistics of the different houses at the present time. If the General Council should approve of it, this could be supplied in time for the Minutes of this convention.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Spaeth, Chairman,
H. W. Roth,
J. F. Ohl,
C. L. Fry,
John A. W. Haas.

The report was adopted and permission was granted to supply the missing statistics.

See opposite page for statistics.

The Rev. Dr. Spaeth read the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH MUSIC.

Owing to the absence of the chairman of your committee in Europe the Convocation of Church Musicians, for which an elaborate program was prepared some time ago, could not be held this summer. The secretary of your committee, Prof. C. A. Marks, of Allentown, did a great and valuable service to our cause by the exquisite rendering of the famous Missa Papae Marcello by Palestrina, which was given in Allentown, Bethlehem and Philadelphia, and was greatly enjoyed by appreciative audiences.

Statistics of the Lutheran Deaconess Institutions in the United States.

MAY 1st, 1907.

Name of Motherhouse.	Founded.	Deaconesses.	Probationers.	Total.	Pupils.	Stations.	In Parishes.	Language.	Rector.
Deaconess Motherhouse, Milwaukee, Wis.	1849 Reorg. 1894	20	23	43	1	7	2	nglish & German	Rev. H. L. Fritschel.
Norwegian Luth. Deaconess Home and Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.	1882	5	15	20	6	...	1	Norwegian	Rev. E. Tollefsen.
Mary J. Drexel Home & Deaconess Motherhouse, Philadelphia	1884	51	19	70	2	14	5	German & English	Rev. E. F. Bachmann.
Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Institute, Minneapolis, Minn.	1888	13	6	19	12	...	...	Norwegian & English	Rev. J. Tollefsen.
Immanuel Deaconess Institute, Omaha, Neb.	1890	25	10	35	10	6	12	Swedish	Rev. P. M. Lindberg.
Deaconess Home and Training School, Baltimore, Md.	1895	16	12	28	3	9	8	English	Rev. C. E. Hay, D.D.
Norwegian Luth. Deaconess Home and Hospital, Chicago, Ill.	1897	11	45	56	3	8	3	Norwegian & English	Rev. H. B. Kildahl.
Bethesda Deaconess Home, St. Paul, Minn.	1902	5	15	20	3	...	...	Swedish	Rev. C. A. Hultkraus.
Eben-Ezer, Brush, Colorado. (Sanatorium for Consumptives)	1903	1	2	3	1	...	...	Danish	Rev. F. Madsen.
Total—9 Institutions	....	147	147	294	41	44	31		

In connection with the tercentenary of the birth of Paul Gerhardt a fine musical program was rendered in the Seminary Church at Mount Airy by the choir of St. Johannis German Lutheran congregation in Philadelphia, giving some of the most beautiful of Paul Gerhardt's hymns in original compositions by Ebeling, Crueger, Hassler, Bach and Mergner.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Spaeth, Chairman,
George C. F. Haas,
W. M. Rehrig,
J. F. Ohl,
H. H. Bruning,
W. Hoppe.

The report was received and ordered to be spread on the Minutes.

The Rev. Dr. Ochsenford read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

The committee on statistics presents the following summary of statistics of the Synods connected with this body for the years 1906 and 1907, and of the educational and charitable institutions directly or indirectly under the control of the district Synods connected with this body.

The statistics for the year 1906, according to the figures given in the "Lutheran Church Almanac" for the year 1907 are as follows: 12 Synods, 1461 ministers, 2290 congregations, and 433,010 communicant members, including the membership of the German Iowa Synod the latter figures are 543,036; 612 parochial schools, 734 teachers and 25,772 pupils; 2016 Sunday-schools, 26,714 officers and teachers, and 255,683 scholars. The benevolent contributions for the year amounted to $412,970.08.

For the year 1907, as furnished by the editor of the Almanac are as follows: 12 Synods, 1497 ministers, 2347 congregations and 456,429 communicant members, including the membership of the German Iowa Synod these figures are 558,016; 587 parochial schools, 701 teachers and 25,559 pupils; 2106 Sunday-schools, 28,630 officers and teachers and 254,823 scholars. The benevolent contributions for the year amounted to $485,748.84.

In connection with the Synods of the General Council there are 3 theological seminaries, 7 colleges, 6 academies, 4 hospitals, 12 orphans' homes, 8 homes for aged, asylums, etc., 5 immigrant and seamen's missions and 3 deaconess institutions. The educational institutions aggregate property valued at $1,665,233, endowment amounting to $675,374, having 105,205 volumes in their libraries, employing 191 professors and having 3172 students, of whom 415 have the ministry in view. The charitable institutions aggregate property valued at $2,051,116, endowment amounting to $85,088, and caring for 25,002 inmates. This shows a total value of property and endowment for educational and charitable use of $3,476,811.

Inasmuch as the General Council celebrates this year the fortieth anniversary of its organization, it may prove of interest to present the statistics of the Synods in organic connection with this body at the time of its organization, as also statistics showing the growth of this body since the year 1867.

At the preliminary convention, held at Reading, Pa., December 12-14, 1866, the following thirteen district Synods were represented: Ministerium of Pennsylvania, English District Synod of Ohio, English Synod of Ohio, Wisconsin Synod, Joint Synod of Ohio, Michigan Synod, Pittsburgh Synod, Minnesota Synod, Iowa Synod, Synod of Missouri, Canada Synod, Ministerium of New York and the Norwegian Synod of America.

This was a large representation of Synods, being nearly one-third of the district Synods then in existence and representing possibly more than one-half the membership of the Lutheran Church in North America. A number of these Synods, whose delegates participated in the business of the convention, never became organically connected with the General Council, or after being represented at a few of the conventions withdrew from the body. Even the first regular convention, held at Fort Wayne, Indiana, November 20-26, 1867, can scarcely be said to have been a fair representation of the numerical strength of the General Council, since several of the Synods then represented withdrew before the second regular convention was held and others shortly afterwards. The following twelve Synods were represented at the first regular convention in 1867 and, according to the report

of the Committee on Statistics appointed at this convention, furnished the following figures:

SYNOD	MIN.	CONG'S.	MEMBERS
Ministerium of Penn'a.	125	300	50,000
Ministerium of New York	48	52	12,000
English Synod of Ohio	11	30	2,500
Pittsburgh Synod	64	124	9,000
Synod of Wisconsin	50	100	12,750
Synod of Iowa	60	80	7,000
Eng. District Synod of Ohio	38	90	10,000
Synod of Michigan	15	24	3,035
Augustana Synod	45	85	11,800
Minnesota Synod	22	53	3,000
Canada Synod	26	55	7,211
Synod of Illinois	34	37	5,000
Total: 12 Synods	538	1,030	133,296

Of the Synods represented at the first convention the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, Ministerium of New York, Pittsburgh Synod, District Synod of Ohio, Augustana and the Canada Synods are members of this body at this time. Some of those named in the list just given have ceased to exist, while others have become identified with other general bodies or have maintained an independent position. The six Synods now in connection with this body constitute the basis on which the numerical strength of the General Council at its first convention should be calculated. This was: 346 ministers, 674 congregations and 91,211 communicant members, or including the membership of the German Iowa Synod 121,028 members. Since then other Synods have become identified with this body and new Synods have been organized on the Council's territory, so that the number of Synods at present is twelve, whose numerical strength is more than four times that of the Council at its first convention.

The growth of the General Council by decades may be seen from the following table:

	MIN.	CON'G.	MEMBERS
1867	538	1030	121,028
1877	593	1113	206,840
1887	829	1462	285,527
1897	1177	2010	404,495
1907	1499	2382	558,016

The statistics of the General Council in a more detailed tabular form will be furnished by the committee for insertion in the minutes if so desired.

We would again earnestly urge upon all our district Synods to see to it that all their pastors return their parochial reports in order that our statistics become more complete and reliable than they have so far been.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. Ochsenford,
J. Nicum.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. H. B. Reed read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THANKS.

A strikingly new standard of perfected arrangements for future Conventions of the General Council has been set at this meeting in Buffalo, which will be difficult, indeed, to imitate, and impossible to improve upon.

In all the forty years of its history the Council has never enjoyed greater elegance of appointments, both in the sanctuary and in the sphere of warm-hearted Lutheran homes, or nicety of thoughtful attention to every detail of personal comfort and convenience, than during our delightful week's sojourn in this superbly beautiful city.

We, therefore, take this means of expressing our grateful appreciation, first, to the pastor and members of the Church of the Holy Trinity and other churches so cheerfully co-operating; secondly, to the organists and choirs that have led our worship in the churches and in the Convention Hall; thirdly, to the ladies who planned our social entertainment at the cordial reception of Saturday evening; fourthly, to the newspapers which made daily reports of the Council's sessions, and, finally, to everybody who contributed in any way to give this Convention of 1907 the supreme place in our cherished remembrance of unstinted hospitality.

H. B. Reed.
J. A. Krantz.
J. A. Leas.
W. A. Beates.
C. L. Fry.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DIGEST, OR "THE GENERAL COUNCIL BOOK."

The Rev. Dr. Jacobs reported verbally for the Committee to Prepare the Digest of the General Council's Official Acts, that much work had been done, and manuscript covering the entire

forty years was in hand, and that the committee hoped to have the work ready by the next Convention.

This report was accepted and the committee was continued.

POPULAR EDITION OF BOOK OF CONCORD.

The Rev. A. Hult offered the following:

Resolved, That the General Council issue an English People's edition of the Book of Concord, the price to be easily within the reach of the people.

On motion it was

Resolved, That this resolution be referred to the Board of Publication with power to act.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the determination of the number of Minutes be left to the discretion of the President and the three Recording Secretaries.

The Minutes of the Tenth Session were read and approved.

At 10.40 p. m. on the evening of the sixth day of the Convention, the General Council adjourned, the brethren uniting in singing "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," and the use of the Order for the Closing of Synods.

"The Lord our God be with us as He was with Our Fathers: let Him not leave us, nor forsake us;

"That He may incline our hearts unto Him, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, and His statutes, and His judgments, which He commanded Our Fathers."

WILLIAM KELLER FRICK,
English Recording Secretary.

SPECIAL SERVICES AND MEETINGS.

Wednesday Evening, Sept. 11—Conference of the German Brethren of the General Council.

The President of the Council presided, on the following subjects:

1. "The German Home Mission Work of the General Council and its Development." Discussion, led by the Rev. Emil C. J. Kraeling, Brooklyn, New York.

2. "The Best Plan of Securing and Educating Young Men to become German Pastors." Discussion led by Rev. Henry Rembe, Hamilton, Ont., Canada.

3. "German Official Organ for the General Council." Discussion led by the Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

4. "Information on the 'Allgemeine Conferenz.'" The Rev. A. Spaeth, D.D., LL.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

Thursday Morning, Sept. 12—Opening Service.

Morning Service, preceded by the Confessional Service, at 10 a. m. Conducted by the Rev. Prof. J. Fry, D.D., the Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D., the Rev. F. W. Oswald, the Rev. H. Rembe, the Rev. W. J. Miller, D.D., the Rev. W. F. Bacher, and the Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D.

Sermon by the President, the Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D. Text, Col. 3:11. Theme, *"Christ All and in All."*

Administration of the Lord's Supper.

Thursday Evening—Fortieth Anniversary of the General Council—Retrospect.

Vesper Service, conducted by the Rev. William J. Miller, D.D., of Greensburg, Pa.

1. "The Early Conventions of the General Council and the Fathers," by the Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

2. "How Catholic Lutheranism Came to its Own," by the Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., Lebanon, Pa.

3. "The Hand of Providence in the Formation of the General Council," by the Rev. George W. Mechling, D.D., Lancaster, O.

4. "The Four Decades of General Council History."

First Decade, by the Rev. William K. Frick, D.D., Milwaukee, Wis.
Second Decade, by the Rev. Duncan M. Kemerer, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Third Decade, by the Rev. William J. Miller, D.D., Greensburg, Pa.
Fourth Decade, by the Rev. W. F. Bacher, Kingston, N. Y.

Friday Evening, Sept. 13—Fortieth Anniversary of the General Council.—Prospect.

1. "The General Council in Works of Missions and Mercy," by the Rev. Henry W. Roth, D.D., Greenville, Pa.

2. "The General Council and Lutheran Doctrine," by the Rev. Adolph Spaeth, D.D., LL.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

3. "How the General Council Tends to Correct Religious, Educational, Ecclesiastical, and Social Weaknesses of our Day," by the Rev. George C. F. Haas, D.D., New York City; the Rev. John A. W. Haas, D.D., Allentown, Pa.; and the Rev. Wm. L. Hunton, Ph.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

4. "Statistical Resume of the Four Decades," by the Rev. J. Nicum, D.D., Rochester, N. Y.

5. "Results and Outlook," by the Rev. Lawrence A. Johnston, D.D., Moline, Ill.; the Rev. Gottlieb C. Berkemeier, D.D., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; the Rev. Wm. D. C. Keiter, Bethlehem, Pa.; and the Rev. Wm. J. Miller, D.D., Greensburg, Pa.

Sunday Morning, Sept. 15—Divine Service.

Liturgical Service conducted by the Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D.D., and the Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D.

Sermon by the Rev. Prof. Henry E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., Philadelphia, on Acts 15:6, "The First Synod."

Sunday Afternoon—General Council German Celebration at St. John's (German) Church.

Liturgical service conducted by the Rev. H. Rembe, of Hamilton, Ont., Canada.

"The Purpose of the General Council," by the Rev. Prof. Adolph Spaeth, D.D., LL.D.

Sunday Evening—Great Union Festival Service in Convention Hall.

The Devotional Service was conducted by the Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe, Bethlehem, Pa.

The President of the General Council presided, and delivered an address on "The Unity of the Church."

1. "The Church in the Far West and the Great North," by the Rev. Frank E. Jensen, Chicago.

2. "The Church in the Far East," by the Rev. Milton J. Bieber, Galt, Ontario, Canada.

3. "Church Extension in North America," by the Rev. Charles L. Fry, Philadelphia.

4. "The Church in Foreign Lands," by the Rev. Edw. T. Horn, D.D., LL.D., Reading, Pa.

5. "The Danger in American Theology," by the Rev. Prof. Alfred Ramsey, Chicago.

RECEPTION.

On Saturday evening, in the Parish House of Holy Trinity Church, a Reception was tendered to the General Council by the members of the congregation. The Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D.D., pastor loci, presided. Ad-

dresses were delivered by the Rev. Edmund Belfour, D.D., Pittsburgh, Pa.; the Rev. W. H. Greever, of Columbia, S. C., editor of the "Church Visitor"; the Rev. Alfred Appell, of Rockford, Ill.; John W. Greene, Esq., of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Prof. George T. Ettinger, Ph.D., of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa.

Monday Evening, Sept. 16—English Service in Holy Trinity Church.

1. "What our Church can do in Inner Missions in the Next Two Years in the Larger American Cities." Rev. Adolf Hult, Omaha, Neb.

2. "What the English Home Mission Board Proposes to do in the Next Two Years." Rev. Jacob C. Kunzmann, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

3. "Church Extension During the next Two Years." E. Aug. Miller, Esq. Philadelphia, Pa.

Swedish Service in Trinity (Swedish) Church.

1. An Address to Young Men, including an appeal to them to enter the Ministry. Rev. J. A. Krantz, Ph.D., Duluth, Minn.

2. An Address to our Young Women, including an appeal for their Interest in Home and Foreign Missions. Rev. Peter Peterson, St. Paul, Minnesota.

German Service in Christ (German) Church.

Liturgical Service conducted by the Rev. T. H. Becker.

1. "The Possibilities of our German Home Mission Work in North America." Rev. H. Offerman, Philadelphia, Pa.

2. "Our Foreign Mission Work." Rev. E. Neudoerffer, Neustadt, Ontario, Canada.

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2	1868	Pittsburgh, Pa.	C. W. Schaeffer, D.D.	Rev. H. W. Roth	A. Spaeth, D.D.	H. H. Muhlenberg, M.D.	12	33	22	55
3	1869	Chicago, Ill.	G. F. Krotel, D.D.	Rev. H. W. Roth	A. Spaeth, D.D.	C. F. Norton, Esq.	11	38	24	62
4	1870	Lancaster, Ohio.	C. P. Krauth, D.D.	Rev. S. Laird	A. Spaeth, D.D.	S. Gross Fry, Esq.	11	32	20	52
5	1871	Rochester, N. Y.	C. P. Krauth, D.D.	Rev. S. Laird	A. Spaeth, D.D.	S. Gross Fry, Esq.	9	30	20	50
6	1872	Akron, Ohio.	C. P. Krauth, D.D.	Rev. S. Laird	A. Spaeth, D.D.	S. Gross Fry, Esq.	9	27	14	41
7	1873	Erie, Pa.	C. P. Krauth, D.D.	Rev. S. Laird	Rev. G. W. Drees	S. Gross Fry, Esq.	9	38	25	63
8	1874	Jamestown, N. Y.	C. P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. S. Laird	Rev. C. H. Thomson	S. Gross Fry, Esq.	10	38	25	63
9	1875	Galesburg, Ill.	C. P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. S. Laird	Rev. C. H. Thomson	J. A. Geissenhainer, Esq.	10	35	18	53
10	1876	Bethlehem, Pa.	C. P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. S. Laird	Rev. H. Grahn	W. H. Staake, Esq.	10	41	26	67
11	1877	Philadelphia, Pa.	C. P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. S. Laird	E. F. Moldehnke, Ph.D.	W. H. Staake, Esq.	10	39	27	66
12	1879	Zanesville, Ohio.	C. P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D.	H. E. Jacobs, D.D.	Rev. J. C. Petersen	W. H. Staake, Esq.	10	27	22	49
13	1880	Greensburgh, Pa.	A. Spaeth, D.D.	H. E. Jacobs, D.D.	E. F. Moldehnke, Ph.D.	W. H. Staake, Esq.	10	34	20	54
14	1881	Rochester, N. Y.	A. Spaeth, D.D.	Rev. E. Belfour	E. F. Moldehnke, Ph.D.	W. H. Staake, Esq.	10	37	24	61
15	1882	Lancaster, Ohio.	A. Spaeth, D.D.	Rev. E. Belfour	Rev. F. W. Weiskotten	W. H. Staake, Esq.	10	29	15	44
16	1883	New York, N. Y.	A. Spaeth, D.D.	Rev. E. Belfour	Rev. F. W. Weiskotten	W. H. Staake, Esq.	10	44	25	69
17	1884	Monroe, Mich.	A. Spaeth, D.D.	S. L. Harkey, D.D.	Rev. F. W. Weiskotten	W. H. Staake, Esq.	10	47	19	66
18	1885	Philadelphia, Pa.	A. Spaeth, D.D.	S. L. Harkey, D.D.	Rev. F. W. Weiskotten	W. H. Staake, Esq.	8	49	38	87
19	1886	Chicago, Ill.	A. Spaeth, D.D.	Rev. C. A. Swensson	Rev. J. Nicum	W. H. Staake, Esq.	11	59	31	90
20	1887	Greenville, Pa.	A. Spaeth, D.D.	Rev. G. W. Mechling	Rev. J. Nicum	W. H. Staake, Esq.	8	40	25	65
21	1888	Minneapolis, Minn.	J. A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. G. W. Mechling	Rev. J. Nicum	W. H. Staake, Esq.	8	60	37	97
22	1889	Pittsburgh, Pa.	G. F. Krotel, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. G. W. Mechling	Rev. J. Nicum	W. H. Staake, Esq.	8	57	34	91
23	1891	Buffalo, N. Y.	G. F. Krotel, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. G. W. Mechling	Rev. J. Nicum, D.D.	W. H. Staake, Esq.	9	63	45	108
24	1893	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	C. A. Swensson, Ph.D.	Rev. G. W. Mechling	Rev. J. Nicum, D.D.	W. H. Staake, Esq.	8	54	28	82
25	1895	Easton, Pa.	E. F. Moldehnke, D.D.	Rev. W. K. Frick	Rev. J. Nicum, D.D.	W. H. Staake, Esq.	8	65	42	107
26	1897	Erie, Pa.	E. F. Moldehnke, D.D.	Rev. W. K. Frick	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier	W. H. Staake, Esq.	9	71	44	115
27	1899	Chicago, Ill.	M. C. Ranseen, D.D.	Rev. W. K. Frick	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier	W. H. Staake, Esq.	9	91	49	140
28	1901	Lima, Ohio.	M. C. Ranseen, D.D.	S. E. Ochsenford, D.D.	G. C. Berkemeier, D.D.	W. H. Staake, Esq.	10	87	49	136
29	1903	Norristown, Pa.	T. E. Schmauk, D.D.	S. E. Ochsenford, D.D.	G. C. Berkemeier, D.D.	W. H. Staake, Esq.	11	91	58	149
30	1905	Milwaukee, Wis.	T. E. Schmauk, D.D.	W. K. Frick, D.D.	G. C. Berkemeier, D.D.	W. H. Staake, Esq.	10	110	53	163
31	1907	Buffalo, N. Y.	T. E. Schmauk, D.D.	W. K. Frick, D.D.	G. C. Berkemeier, D.D.	Hon. W. H. Staake	11	113	81	194

5. SYNODICAL AND CONFERENCE OFFICERS AND MEETINGS.

	Synods and Conferences.	Presidents and Vice-Presidents, or Missionary Superintendents.	Secretaries.	Treasurers.	Place and Date of the 1908 Meeting.
I	**Ministerium of Penn'a.**	Rev. Prof. J. Fry, D.D.	Rev. O. E. Pflueger, Eng. Rev. H.D.E. Siebott, Ger.	Rev. H. A. Weller, Orwigsburg, Pa.	Philadelphia.
	CONFERENCES.				
	1. Allentown	Rev. Jos. Stump	Rev. L. D. Lazarus	Rev. Luther D. Lazarus	June 11.
	2. Danville	Rev. G. W. Genszler	Rev. S. Paulson	Rev. J. S. Renninger	
	3. Lancaster	Rev. A. M. Mehrkam	Rev. P. G. Sieger	Rev. J. W. Richards	
	4. Norristown	Rev. I. B. Kurtz	Rev. A. C. Schenck	Rev. D. H. Reiter	
	5. Phila. English	Rev. W. L. Stough	Rev. Carl H. Hirzel	Rev. Gomer C. Rees	
	6. Phila. German	Rev. A. Spaeth, D.D., LL.D	Rev. H. D. E. Siebott	Rev. A. Biemueller	
	7. Pottsville	Rev. G. M. Bock	Rev. I. F. Frankenfield	Rev. Ira F. Frankenfield	
	8. Reading	Rev. F. K. Bernd	Rev. C. E. Kistler	Rev. C. E. Kistler	
	9. Wilkes-Barre	Rev. E. F. Ritter	Rev. W. P. Barr, Eng. Rev. A. O. Gallenkamp, German	Rev. Theo. Zuber	
II	**Ministerium of New York.**	Rev. F. W. Oswald	Rev. H. C. Wasmund, German Rev. J. Weyl, Eng.	Mr. Louis W. Kaufmann, 22-24 N. William St., N. Y.	June 25.
	CONFERENCES.				
	1. Albany	Rev. O. Krauch	Rev. Y. Brandt	Mr. M. Herbs	
	2. New York	Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling	Rev. Theodore Posselt	Rev. J. F. Holstein	
	3. Rochester	Rev. Andrew Blum	Rev. H. R. Grabau	Rev. W. Rohde	
III	**Pittsburgh Synod.**	Rev. W. J. Miller, D.D.	Rev. D. M. Kemerer, Eng.	Rev. James Q. Waters, 5170 Wood-	Holy Trinity,
	CONFERENCES.	Rev. R. G. Rosenbaum, Miss. Supt.	Rev. Paul Kummer, Ger.	worth St., Pittsburgh	Greenville, Pa.,
	1. Erie	Rev. G. A. Benze	Rev. F. E. Strobel	Rev. F. E. Strobel	June 18.
	2. German	Rev. H. R. Erdmann	Rev. R. Nieder	Rev. R. Nieder	
	3. Greensburg	Rev. G. W. Spiggle	Rev. D. W. Michael	Rev. G. W. Stough	
	4. Kittanning	Rev. G. U. Preuss	Rev. C. E. Dozer	Rev. Walter C. Beck	
	5. Pittsburgh	Rev. W. E. Bauer	Rev. H. S. Gilbert	Rev. J. L. Fischer	
	6. Ridgeway	Rev. J. W. Myers	Rev. W. E. Brinkman	Rev. R. Weisgerber	
	7. Western	Rev. A. L. Benze	Rev. A. C. Sumons	Rev. A. C. Sumons	
IV	**District Synod of Ohio.**	Rev. V. B. Christy	Rev. F. W. E. Peschau,	Mr. W. J. Bitter, 439 E. Broad-	St. Paul's,
	CONFERENCES.	Rev. W. G. Dressler, Miss Pres.	D.D.	way, Toledo, O.	Mansfield, O.
	1. Northern	Rev. E. L. T. Eggers	Rev. J. S. Herold	Rev. J. S. Herold	June 11.
	2. Southeastern	Rev. M. L. Wagner	Rev. E. M. Potts	Rev. E. M. Potts	
	3. Southwestern	Rev. J. E. Wesner	Rev. W. H. Shepfer	Rev. W. H. Shepfer	
V	**Augustana Synod.**	Rev. E. Norelius, D.D., R.N.O.	Rev. J. G. Dahlberg	Rev. C. J. Bengston, Aug. Book	Trinity,
	CONFERENCES.	Rev. L. A. Johnston, D.D., Vice-Pres		Concern, Rock Island	Chicago.
	1. California	Rev. Philip Andreen	Rev. A. M. LeVeau	Rev. A. Kinell, Templeton, Cal.	June 8.
		Rev. E. Nelander, Ph.D.			
	2. Columbia	Rev. N. J. W. Nelson	Rev. G. E. Rydquist	Rev. C. J. Renhard, 150 N. 19th	
		Rev. C. E. Frisk		St., Portland, Ore.	

3. Illinois	Rev. F. A. Linder Rev. Aug. Johnson	Rev. V. Tengwald	Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, D.D., R. N. O., 2823 Princeton Ave., Chicago, Ill.		
4. Iowa	Rev. A. Norrbom Rev. Jos. A. Anderson	Rev. C. A. Lindwall	Mr. Alf. Morgan, Olds, Iowa		
5. Kansas	Rev. G. A. Brandelle, D.D. Rev. A. Bergin, Ph.D.	Rev. G. A. Dorf	Mr. Francis Johnson, Lindsborg, Kan.		
6. Minnesota	Rev. J. A. Krantz, Ph.D. Rev. L. P. Bergstrom	Rev. S. A. Lindholm	Rev. G. Rast, D.D., Dresser Junction, R. R. I. Wis.		
7. Nebraska	Rev. P. M. Lindberg Rev. A. S. Becklund	Rev. J. Eckholm, Ph.D.	Mr. J. S. Hellgren, 2837 Cass St., Omaha, Neb.		
8. New York	Rev. G. Nelsenius, D.D. Rev. A. J. Enstam	Rev. E. A. Zetterstrand.	Rev. J. T. Norrby, 772 Park Ave., Elmwood Sta., Providence, R. I.		
VI Canada Synod.	Rev. H. Rembe	Rev. H. Weigand	Rev. J. Langholz, Philipsburg, Ont.	St. Paul's, Hamilton, Ont., June 11, 1908.	
CONFERENCES.					
1. Eastern	Rev. C. Lukas	Rev. G. Daechsel	Rev. E. Haecker		
2. Middle	Rev. A. Eggers	Rev. O. Lincke	Rev. O. Lincke		
3. Western	Rev. H. Weigand	Rev. H. Henkel	Rev. H. Henkel		
VII Chicago Synod.	Rev. H. B. Reed	Rev. W. J. Seiberling	Rev. I. Whitman, Hillsboro, Ind., R. F. D. 2	Trinity, South Bend, Ind. June 17.	
CONFERENCES.					
1. Northern	Rev. J. R. E. Hunt	Rev. L. W. Steckel	Rev. G. F. Dittmar		
2. Southern	Rev. E. D. S. Boyer	Rev. A. H. Sappenfield	Rev. J. V. Sappenfield		
VIII English Synod of the Northwest.	Rev. A. J. Reichert	Rev. John Keehley	Hon. Chas. A. Smith, 412 Andrus Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.	St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minn. June 24.	
CONFERENCES.					
1. Central	Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D.	Rev. W. Beck	Rev. W. Beck		
2. Eastern	Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D.	Rev. P. E. Baisler	Rev. P. E. Baisler		
IX Synod of Manitoba and Other Provinces.	Rev. Martin Ruccius	Rev. H. Becker	Mr. Paul M. Bredt, Regina, Sask.	Strathcona, Alta. June, 1909,	
CONFERENCES.					
1. Manitoba	Rev. F. W. V. Henning	Rev. F. J. Fuerst			
2. Saskatchewan	Rev. F. Pempeit	Rev. Paul Tourney			
3. Alberta	Rev. J. Goos	Rev. F. Loeb			
X Pacific Synod.	Rev. J. A. Leas	Rev. F. W. Bussard	J. C. Bracher, Sherlock Building, Portland, Ore.	Zion, The Dalles, Ore. June 24.	
CONFERENCES.					
1. English	Rev. H. A. W. Yung	Rev. Th. Schoenberg	Rev. Th. Schoenberg		
2. German	Rev. C. F. Boehmer	Rev. E. Meyer	Rev. E. Meyer		
XI Synod of New York and New England.	Rev. Wm. F. Bacher	Rev. S. G. Trexler	Mr. J. F. Dinkey, Rochester, N. Y.	June 16.	
CONFERENCES.					
1. Eastern	Rev. S. G. Weiskotten	Rev. H. P. Miller	Rev. H. P. Miller		
2. Western	Rev. F. F. Fry	Rev. J. W. Smith	Rev. J. W. Smith		
XII Synod of Nova Scotia.	Rev. W. E. Murray	Rev. C. H. Little	Rev. W. M. Weaver, Lunenberg, N. S.	New Germany, N. S. June 25.	
CONFERENCES.					
1. Northern	Rev. L. M. McCreery	W. R. Wenzel	Rev. C. H. Little		
2. Southern	Rev. W. F. Holl	Rev. W. E. Murray	Rev. W. E. Murray		

6. STATISTICAL REPORT OF SYNODS AND INSTITUTIONS.

I. District Synods, 1906.

No.		Organized.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communicant Members.	Parochial Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions, Missions, etc.
1	Ministerium of Pennsylvania	1748	378	546	138,456	34	77	2,255	513	9,279	87,850	$113,813 09
2	Ministerium of New York	1773	*149	133	58,566	32	46	1,594	143	3,233	27,684	*36,249 33
3	Pittsburgh Synod	1845	136	186	29,194	....	....	.....	184	1,628	18,872	40,415 75
4	District Synod of Ohio	1857	46	81	13,909	....	....	.....	76	1,121	8,481	10,675 37
5	Augustana Synod	1860	558	1,027	148,323	500	579	20,575	836	8,320	65,118	173,194 01
6	Canada Synod	1861	38	78	11,616	40	29	1,167	63	583	4,500	5,397 94
7	Chicago Synod	1871	39	55	5,783	....	....	.....	48	608	5,169	11,918 47
8	English Synod of the Northwest	1891	27	31	4,572	....	....	.....	35	432	4,307	5,074 24
9	Manitoba Synod	1897	*19	61	4,585	3	3	135	46	97	864	635 15
10	Pacific Synod	1901	13	20	1.145	3	....	46	15	92	754	347 07
11	New York and New England Synod	1902	52	48	14,354	....	....	.....	49	1,184	11,020	14,151 55
12	Nova Scotia Synod	1903	6	24	2,508	....	....	.....	18	137	1,064	1,098 11
	Total		1,461	2,290	433,010	612	734	25,772	2,016	26,714	255,683	$412,970 08

*No report furnished. Statistics those of 1905.

District Synods, 1907.

No.		Organized.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communicant Members.	Parochial Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions, Missions, etc.
1	Ministerium of Pennsylvania	1748	388	554	145,215	29	51	1,619	539	10,141	93,137	$125,232 61
2	Ministerium of New York	1773	150	149	65,000	96	48	1,595	189	3,739	37,122	40,883 18
3	Pittsburgh Synod	1845	138	190	31,392	....	....	.....	181	1,817	19,349	35,199 96
4	District Synod of Ohio	1857	49	82	14,245	....	....	.....	80	1,189	8,967	11,254 94
5	Augustana Synod	1860	574	1,052	154,390	404	561	20,578	855	8,617	68,165	218,973 13
6	Canada Synod	1861	38	76	12,096	40	23	1,154	62	516	4,205	7,001 19
7	Chicago Synod	1871	40	58	5,981	....	....	.....	49	616	5,366	18,590 62
8	English Synod of the Northwest	1891	29	34	5,060	....	....	.....	34	472	4,588	7,985 66
9	Manitoba Synod	1897	18	51	4,000	15	15	555	19	57	660	594 74
10	Pacific Synod	1901	13	20	1,313	3	3	58	15	110	771	642 16
11	New York and New England Synod	1902	52	56	15,192	....	....	.....	60	1,200	11,056	18,242 55
12	Nova Scotia Synod	1903	8	25	2,545	....	....	.....	22	156	1,437	1,148 10
	Total		1,497	2,347	456,429	587	701	25,559	2,105	28,630	254,823	$485,748 84

Educational and Charitable Institutions.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

Synod.	Name.	Founded.	Location.	President.	Value of Property.	Amount of Endowment.	Vols. in Library.	Professors.	Students.	Students for Ministry.	No. of Alumni.	Student's Nec. Yearly Exp'ses
33	Augustana	1860	Rock Island, Ill.	Rev. Gustav Andreen, Ph.D...	(3)	(3)	(3)	4	60	...	622	$135
1	Lutheran	1864	Mt. Airy, Phila, Pa....	Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D.	$380,000	$208,000	26,500	5	61	...	747	155
§	Chicago Lutheran	1891	Chicago, Ill.	Rev. R. F. Weidner, D.D., LL.D.	75,000	(2)	9,000	6	42	...	110	175
	Total—3				$455,000	$208,000	35,500	15	163	...	1,479	....

COLLEGES.

33	Augustana (co)	1861	Rock Island, Ill.	Rev. Gustav Andreen, Ph.D....	$250,000	$ 80,000	21,830	30	510	60	415	$175
1	Muhlenberg	1867	Allentown, Pa.	Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D....	300,000	250,000	14,000	11	98	38	644	275
17	Thiel (co)	1870	Greenville, Pa.	Prof. O. F. H. Bert, A.M....	75,000	60,000	7,500	6	60	...	303	225
33	Bethany (co)	1881	Lindsborg, Kan.	Rev. Ernest F. Pihlblad, D.D.	180,000	59,000	10,000	40	948	20	879	155
2	Wagner Memorial	1883	Rochester, N. Y.	Rev. H. D. Kraeling	12,000	(2)	1,000	5	30	28	102	158
33	Upsala (co)	1893	Kenilworth, N. J.	Rev. L. H. Beck, Ph.D.	56,000	3,000	1,500	10	91	30	114	150
33	Gustavus Adolphus (co)	1899	St. Peter, Minn.	Rev. P. A. Mattson, D.D.	140,000	10,000	10,000	25	370	40	684	150
	Total—7				$1,013,000	$462,000	65,830	127	2,107	216	3,141	....

ACADEMIES.

1	Allentown Prep. School	1867	Allentown, Pa.	Prof. A. A. Kunkle, A.M. ..	$40,000	(2)	(3)	6	80	14	.....	....
33	Luther Academy (co)	1883	Wahoo, Neb.	Rev. O. J. Johnson	60,889	$5,374	3,000	11	300	10	.....	....
43	Colburn Academy (co)	1900	Mulberry, Ind.	Prof. G. M. Moser	20,000	(2)	100	4	54	2	.....	....
33	Northwestern College (co)	1901	Fergus Falls, Minn. ...	Prof. A. C. Youngdahl	40,000	(2)	600	8	175	10	.....	....
33	Minnesota College (co)	1904	Minneapolis, Minn.	Prof. J. Larson, Ph.D.	36,344	(2)	175	8	220	...	.....	....
1	Girls' School, Drexel Home ...	1890	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. E. F. Bachmann	(1)	(2)	.....	12	73	...	.....	....
	Total—6—(co)—coeducational				$197,233	$5,374	3,875	49	902	36	.....	....

HOSPITALS.

Synod.	Name.	Founded.	Location.	Superintendent.	Value of Property.	Amount of Endowment.	No. of Inmates
33	Augustana	1884	Chicago, Ill.	Rev. M. Wahustrom, Ph.D.	$260,000	$2,775	2,353
33	Bethesda	1880	St. Paul, Minn.	Rev. C. A. Hultkrans	112,000	1,500	899
1	Children's	1889	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. E. F. Bachmann	(1)	(2)	824
33	Immanuel	1890	Omaha, Neb.	Rev. P. M. Lindberg	60,000	2,453	552
	Total—4				$432,000	$6,728	4,628

ORPHANS' HOMES.

Synod.	Name.	Founded.	Location.	Superintendent.	Value of Property.	Amount of Endowment.	No. of Inmates
17	Home and Farm School	1852	Zelienople, Pa.	Rev. J. A. Kribbs	$60,000	(2)	78
1	Evangelical Lutheran	1859	Philadelphia, Pa.	Mrs. G. C. Eisenhardt	213,831	$57,635	160
33	Vasa, Minn. Conf.	1865	Vasa, Goodhue Co.,Minn.	Mr. C. G. Lind	27,595	(2)	55
33	Swedish Lutheran	1867	Andover, Ill.	Rev. A. G. Andeer	42,802	(2)	60
33	Swedish Evang. Lutheran	1872	Stanton, Iowa	Mr. A. E. Liljegren	27,969	(2)	44
33	Evang. Luth. Kan. Conf.	1880	Cleburne, Kan.	Mr. N. H. Youngberg	22,000	(2)	33
33	Gustavus Adolphus	1883	Jamestown, N. Y.	Mr. John S. Swensson	45,919	(2)	76
33	Swedish Luth. & Indus. School	1891	Joliet, Ill.	Miss Frida Schelander	30,000	(2)	94
1	Lutheran	1896	Topton, Pa.		50,000	(2)	75
33	Immanuel	1901	Omaha, Neb.	Rev. P. M. Lindberg	5,000	636	19
65	Bethany	1902	Bridgewater, N. Scotia	Rev. Prof. W. H. Little	8,000	(2)	15
2	Children's Friend	1904	Jersey City, N. J.	Mrs. M. Ohlandt	13,000	(2)	27
	Total—12				$546,116	$58,271	736

HOMES FOR AGED, ASYLUMS, ETC.

1	Luth. Home for Aged & Infirm	1859	Philadelphia, Pa.	Mrs. G. C. Eisenhardt	(6)	(6)	55
1	Mary J. Drexel Home	1889	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. E. F. Bachman	(1)	(2)	40
§	Luth. Home for Aged & Infirm	1896	Buffalo, N. Y.	Miss Louise Kaehler	$60,000	$7,000	28
	Luther Hospice	1903	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. J. S. Schantz	(1)	(2)	100
33	Bethesda Old People's Home	1904	Chisago City, Minn.	Rev. C. A. Hultkrans	8,000	(2)	18
33	Evang. Luth. Salem Home	1905	Joliet, Ill.				
	Luther Settlement House	1906	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. J. S. Schantz	(1)	(2)	250
§	Luth. Home for Aged	1906	Erie, Pa.	Rev. G. A. Benze	15,000	(2)	12
	Total—8				$83,000	$7,000	503

IMMIGRANT AND SEAMEN'S MISSIONS.

§	German Lutheran	1869	New York, N. Y.	Rev. G. Doering	$200,000	(2)	6,000
1	Phila. City Mission	1899	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus.D.	(1)	(2)	9,000
33	Swedish Lutheran	1895	New York, N. Y.	Rev. A. B. Lilja	65,000	(2)	
33	Swedish Lutheran	1902	Boston, Mass.	Rev. C. R. Swanson	25,000	(2)	1,000
1	Seamen's	1904	Point Breeze, Phila.,Pa.	Rev. E. C. Metzenthin	(1)	(2)	3,000
	Total—5				$290,000		19,000

DEACONESS INSTITUTIONS.

§	Mary J. Drexel Motherhouse	1888	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. E. F. Bachman	$600,000	(2)	69
33	Immanuel	1890	Omaha, Neb.	Rev. P. M. Lindberg	80,000	$3,089	45
33	Bethesda	1902	St. Paul, Minn.	Rev. C. A. Hultkrans	20,000	(2)	21
	Total—3				$700,000	$3,089	135

7. GENERAL COUNCIL HOME MISSIONS.

I. Supported by the Board of English Home Missions.

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Church Property. Par.	Value of Property.
Montreal, Ontario, Canada	Redeemer	Chas. G. Beck	238	62			$19,000
New Britain, Conn.	Reformation	A. W. Rohrig	85	92			3,000
Hartford, Conn.	St. Paul's		43	66			
Chicago, Ill.	Epiphany		40	68			
Austin, Ill.	Redeemer	J. R. E. Hunt	57	111			2,000
Aurora, Ill.	Redeemer	R. C. Kaufman	47	88	Church		6,500
Beloit, Wis.	Atonement	Paul H. Roth	60	55			2,000
Milwaukee, Wis.	Epiphany	G. K. Rubrecht	140	328	Church		28,200
Superior, Wis.	Holy Trinity	W. H. Gable	50	65			1,500
Cedarburg, Wis.	Advent	G. O. Jost	43	35	Church		
Duluth, Minn.	Trinity		30	72			
Sioux Falls, S. D.	Redeemer	R. W. Yeany	29	87			7,000
Winnipeg, Manitoba Canad	First Eng. Luthera	A. G. Olsson	31	46	Church		7,500
Inwood, Manitoba, Canada		A. G. Olsson	50	51			
*Salt Lake City, Utah	Trinity	F. W. Bussard	26	50	Ch. & Par.		7,000
*Spanish Forks, Utah	English Lutheran	F. W. Bussard	35	25			800
Bellingham, Wash.	St. Mark's	Theo. Schoenberg.	72	67			1,200
Everett, Wash.	St. Paul's	Theo. Schoenberg.	53	43			
Tacoma, Wash.	St. John's	C. F. W. Stoever	168	97	Church		6,500
Vancouver, Wash.	St. Paul's	W. I. Eck	41	54			4,500
Portland, Ore.	St. James'	J. A. Leas	294	109	Church		46,000
San Jose, Cal.	Immanuel	Emil Meyer	80	103			3,400
Detroit, Mich.	Christ	W. C. Miller	100	84			8,000
Providence, R. I.		F. Croman	15	19			
Worcester, Mass.	English Lutheran	P. G. Krutzky	25	19			
Minneapolis, Minn.	Holy Trinity		33	83			800
Livingston, Mont.	Redeemer	L. G. Deily	37	34			2,500
Madison, Wis.	Holy Trinity	H. R. Gold	36	33			
Washington, D. C.	Atonement	I. O. Baker	99	134	Church		20,500
St. Paul. Minn.	Merriam Park						
Oshkosh, Wis.	St. John's	C. B. Lindtwed					
Transferred to the Self-sustaining List.							
Boston, Mass.	St. Mark's	E. Lunn Miller	171	119	Church		2,200
Boston, Mass.	Letonian Ev. Luthe	John Steik	80				
Newark, N. J.	Grace	M. S. Waters	208	195	Church		22,500
Anderson, Ind.	St. John's	D. L. Reese	69	49	Ch. & Par.		8,000
Chicago, Ill.	St. Luke's	M. E. Haberland.	138	391	Ch. & Par.		18,000
Detroit, Mich.	St. Paul's	J. A. Miller	150	154			7,000
Kenosha, Wis.	Grace	P. E. Baisler	205	318	Church		15,000
Minneapolis, Minn.	St. Mark's	John Keehley	189	206	Church		4,500
Seattle, Wash.	Holy Trinity	H. A. W. Yung	120	126	Church		2,500
Organized as Self-sustaining by the Field Missionaries.							
Buckley, Ill.	Reformation	T. E. Stough	52	48			2,000
Woodstock, Ill.	Grace	J. H. Behrens	96	44			
Waterloo, Wis.	St. Paul's	A. C. Petersen	58	37			1,000
Toronto, Canada	St. Paul's	E. H. Boettger	75	74			
Galt, Canada	St. Paul's	M. J. Bieber	100	38			
Brantford, Canada	St. Matthew's	M. J. Bieber	20				
Albert Lea, Minn.	Salem	John Keehley	53	66			
	47 missions.	37 missionaries.	3841	4035			$260,600

*Approximate figures, as Missionary failed to send last report.

II. Supported by the Board of German Home Missions.

I. PACIFIC SYNOD.

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Church Property. Par.	Value of Property.
Macksburg, Ore.		B. Merz	66				
New Era, Ore.		B. Merz	24				
Needy, Ore.		B. Merz	33				
Meridian, Ore.		B. Merz	17				
Oregon City, Ore.		W. R. Kraxberger	75				
Eugene, Ore.		W. R. Kraxberger	16				
Medford, Ore.		F. Sack	79				
Anaheim, Cal.		M. Markert	14				
Camas, Wash.		F. C. Boehner	20				
Astoria, Ore.		F. C. Boehner	12				
San Jose, Cal.		E. Meyer	71				

II. MANITOBA SYNOD.

Manitoba District.							
Russill		A. Lamak	150				
Friedensfeld		A. Lamak	150				
Plum Coulee		A. Lamak	80				
Brandon		A. Lamak	70				
Beausgour		F. J. Fürst	205				
Green Bay		F. J. Fürst	126				
Thalberg		F. J. Fürst	137				
Grünwald		F. J. Fürst	117				
Emerson		H. Becker	290				
Greenridge		H. Becker	104				
Overstone		H. Becker	62				
Neverville		H. Becker	84				
Gretna		P. Bähnisch	250				
R senfeld		P. Bähnisch	200				
Morris		P. Bähnisch	45				
Dresden, N. D.		Th. Hempel	220				
Saskatchawan District.							
Neudorf (country church)		H. Petschke	550				
Neudorf (town church)		H. Petschke					
Wolseley		H. Petschke					
Edenwald		R. Roehle					
Pheasant Forks		R. Hauptmann	56				
Beaver Hills		R. Hauptmann	115				
Beaver Hills P.O., Robert)		R. Hauptmann	40				
Beaver Hills (P. O., Hirzel		R. Hauptmann	33				
Rosthern		F. Pempeit	246				
Stony Hill		F. Pempeit	90				
Aberdeen		F. Pempeit	54				
Gartenland		F. Pempeit	151				
Silver Grove		F. Pempeit	18				
Wheatwyn		P. Tourney	47				
Fairy Hill		P. Tourney	68				
Last Mountain		P. Tourney	47				
Alberta District.							
Strathcona		M. Ruccius	260				
Stony Creek		M. Ruccius	40				
Edmonton		H. Walbaum	160				
Wetaskiwin		A. Lilge	400				
Red Deer Lake		F. Bredlow	176				
Battle River District		F. Bredlow	35				
Stettler		F. Bredlow	80				
Ingleton		F. Bredlow	50				
Shooting Lake		F. Bredlow	20				
Leduc		W. Willing	95				
Gnadenthal		W. Willing	85				
Heimthal		W. Willing	110				
Otoskwan		W. Willing	85				
Hay Lake		W. Willing	80				
Ellerslie		F. Loeb					
58 missions.		22 missionaries.	5918				

III. Supported by District Synods.

1. AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Church Property. Par.	Value of Property.
Monson, Me.	Zion	K. Anderson	25	28	Frame		$ 4,000
†Portland, Me.	Immanuel	Charles Pehrson	44	22	Brick		13,500
Concord, N. H.	Concordia	E. J. Norden	73	30	Frame		3,450
Barre, Vt.		F. A. Petterson					
Brattleboro, Vt.			84	30	Frame		2,500
Montpelier, Vt.		F. A. Petterson					
Attleboro, Mass.	Emanuel	F. W. Lindstrom	39				
Beverly, Mass.		A. A. Dahlberg					
Boylston, Mass.		F. A. Engstrand					
Dorchester, Mass.							
East Boston, Mass.	Trinity	R. Swanson	125	55	Frame		5,000
Everett, Mass.		J. A. Bernhard	86	65	Frame		7,000
Gloucester, Mass.							
Greendale, Mass.		A. Berghult					
Greenfield, Mass.	Bethany	A. M. Green	27	7			
Holyoke, Mass.		J. E. A. Evert					
Hopkinson, Mass.							
Hyde Park, Mass.		A. M. L. Herenius					
Lawrence, Mass.	Immanuel	A. J. Stenwall	53	7			
Malden, Mass.	Salem	J. A. Bernhard	69	35	Frame		5,000
Medford, Mass.	Tabor	G. S. Swensson	18	3			
Millville, Mass.	Zion	F. W. Lindstrom	98	52	Frame		4,000
Pigeon Cove, Mass.	Klippan	A. A. Dahlberg	10	23	Frame		2,000
Pittsfield, Mass.		K. A. Martin					
Rockport, Mass.							
Salem, Mass.	Bethany	A. A. Dahlberg	13				
S. Farmington, Mass.							
Natick, R. I.	Gustaf Adolf.	A. Nelson	54	28	Frame		2,500
Newport, R. I.	Zion	H. Myreen	40		Frame		4,000
Pautucket, R. I.	Trinity	F. W. Lindstrom	126	62	Frame		4,600
S. Providence, R. I.							
Woonsocket, R. I.							
Ansonia, Conn.	St. Paul	O. J. Andrews	69	35	Frame		12,000
Centerbrook, Conn.	Zion		27		Lot		300
Collinsville, Conn.							
Danbury, Conn.							
Deep River, Conn.	Bethel		53	19	Frame		2,680
Norwich, Conn.	Salem	J. A. Broden	138	54	Frame		7,900
Stamford, Conn.	St. John's	A. J. Ostlin	130	30	Frame		8,500
Thomaston, Conn.	Bethlehem		44	21			
Torrington, Conn.	Bethany	E. A. Zetterstrand	31	31	Lot		1,200
Washington Depot, Conn.	Trinity	O. J. Andrews	63	5	Frame		3,500
Willimantic, Conn.	Ebenezer	J. A. Broden	115	46	Frame		6,500
Albany, N. Y.		K. A. Martin					
Ashville, N. Y.		V. Lindblad					
Astoria, N. Y.	Salem						
Bronx, N. Y.		G. S. Ohslund					
Brooklyn, N. Y.	Tabor	J. C. Westlund	47	40	Frame		6,200
Brooklyn, N. Y.	Zion	J. C. Westlund	77	100	Frame		7,500
Buffalo, N. Y.	Trinity	Julius Nordling	120	70	Frame		10,000
Busti, N. Y.		V. Lindblad					
Corning, N. Y.		M. Parson					
Cornwall, N. Y.							
Corona, N. Y.	Trinity		20	18			
Dunkirk, N. Y.	Zion	J. Nystrom	32	16			
Flatbush, N. Y.							
Long Island City, N. Y.	Salem		30	30	Frame		5,000
Millwood, N. Y.		J. C. Westlund					
Morris Park, N. Y.		J. C. Westlund					
New Amsterdam, N. Y.							
Newburg, N. Y.	Olaus Petri	K. A. Martin	6				
New Rochelle, N. Y.	Zion	G. S. Ohslund	64	40			
Niagara Falls, N. Y.	Bethany	Julius Nordling	35	14	Frame		2,500

1. Augustana Synod (Continued).

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Church Property. Par.	Value of Property.
Olean, N. Y.	Bethany		66	35	Frame & Par.		6,090
Ossining, N. Y.	Zion	J. E. Chester	25	14			
Pleasantville, N. Y.	Emanuel	G. S. Ohslund	22	....	Frame		2,100
Port Richmond, N. Y.		I. E. Wallin					
Portville, N. Y.							
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.							
Rochester, N. Y.							
Schnectady, N. Y.	Gustaf Adolf	K. A. Martin	75	23	Frame & Par.		11,000
S. Brooklyn, N. Y.		J. G. Danielson					
S. Buffalo, N. Y.		Julius Nordling					
Troy, N. Y.							
West Seneca, N. Y.		J. Nystrom					
West Troy, N. Y.							
White Plains, N. Y.	Trinity	G. S. Ohslund	42	....			
Yonkers, N. Y.		J. E. Chester					
Bayonne, N. J.	Eleonora	I. E. Wallin	37	14			
Dover, N. J.	Trinity	P. E. Fredlund	60	34	Frame		4,000
East Orange, N. J.	Tabor	K. J. Erkander	70	20			
Elizabeth, N. J.	Bartholomew	C. O. Thunberg	10	8	Lots		6,000
Morristown, N. J.	First Scandinavia	P. E. Fredlund	42	....			
Mt. Vernon, N. J.	Emanuel	G. S. Ohslund	54	19	Frame		7,330
Newark, N. J.	Emanuel	N. W. Swenson	60	25	Brick		5,000
Passaic, N. J.	Ausgarius	A. E. Ericsson	75	70	Frame		4,500
Paterson, N. J.	Zion	A. E. Ericsson	40	16	Frame		3,000
Perth Amboy, N. J.							
Plainfield, N. J.	Gethsemane	N. W. Swenson	12	....			
Summit, N. J.	Salem	K. J. Erkander	64	10	Frame		6,000
Union Hill, N. J.	Libanon	J. E. Lorimer	60	25	Lots		1,830
Austin, Pa.	Aurora	L. Hokenson	50	20	Frame		1,300
Bessemer, Pa.							
Blue Stone, Pa.		F. E. W. Kastman					
Costello, Pa.							
Cross Forks, Pa.	Emanuel	L. Hokenson	77	38	Frame		1,200
Duquesne, Pa.	Zion	A. E. Lundquist	105	57	Frame		4,500
Hastings, Pa.	Bethania	A. J. Okerblom	64	35	Frame		2,200
Homestead, Pa.							
Johnsonburg, Pa.							
Landrus, Pa.	Nazareth	M. Parson	22	14	Frame		600
Monessen, Pa.	Bethania	A. F. Lundquist	34	38			
Munhall, Pa.	Gethsemane	A. F. Lundquist	39	25			
New Castle, Pa.	Zion		46	14	Frame		2,000
Oil City, Pa.	Zion	Oscar Nelson	74	....	Brick		5,300
Patten, Pa.	Hebron	A. J. Okerblom	86	25	Frame & Par.		4,600
Rochester, Pa.							
Smethport, Pa.	Ausgarius		45	26	Frame		4,000
S. Pittsburgh, Pa.							
Tidioute, Pa.	Salem	Oscar Nelson	42	16	Frame		2,000
Wilson, Pa.	Bethlehem	A. F. Lundquist	26	....			
Wilmington, Del.		O. M. Anderson					
Baltimore, Md.	St. Olaf	O. M. Anderson	56	25	Frame		2,500
Washington, D. C.		O. M. Anderson					
Lorain, Ohio		Otto Olson					
West Cleveland, Ohio		Otto Olson					
Austin, Ill.	Messiah	G. A. Elliot	205	174	Br. & Frame		9,000
Belvidere, Ill.	Zion	J. T. Kraft	98	35	Brick		9,500
Berwyn, Ill.	Augustana		109	55	Brick		7,795
Biggsville, Ill.	Bethel		21	....			
Blue Island, Ill.	Siloa	S. J. Sebelius	113	74	Frame		3,150
Cheltenham, Ill.	Tabor						
Chicago, Ill.	Nebo	S. A. Sandahl	57	70	Frame		3,150
Chicago, Ill.	Capernaum		46	55			
Chicago Heights, Ill.	Immanuel	P. O. Bersell	122	54	Frame		5,600
Clarence, Ill.	Zion	P. Pearson	82	30	Stone & Br.		3,500
Cragin, Ill.	Libanon	O. N. Olson	50	70	Lots		500
Danville, Ill.		J. I. Bergstrand	96	34	Frame		2,500
Gladstone, Ill.	Immanuel	E. Anderson	45	16			
*Galesburg, Ill.	Trinity	F. O. Hanson	222	....			

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PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Church Property. Par.	Value of Property.
Granville, Ill.		G. Erikson	49	20	Frame		2,500
Hyde Park, Ill.							
Harvey, Ill.	Tabor	P. O. Bersell	71	55	Frame		3,500
Hegewisch, Ill.	Libanon		84	65	Frame	& Par.	5,650
Highwood, Ill.	Zion	C. Almen	59	50	Frame		3,000
Irving Park, Ill.		T. S. Johnston	200	190	Frame		6,103
Jefferson, Ill.	Emmaus						
Kinsman, Ill.	Immanuel	A. A. Jacobson	31	32	Frame		1,500
Kirkland, Ill.			124	62	Frame		5,000
La Grange, Ill.	Emmaus	A. A. Jacobson	74	56	Brick		5,000
Maywood, Ill.		J. A. Christenson	113	85	Frame	& Par.	10,000
Morrison, Ill.	Bethesda		59	....	Frame		1,300
Oakdale, Ill.	Ebenezer		60	73	Frame		3,600
Oregon, Ill.			14	7			
Prophetstown, Ill.		A. Edgren	100	25	Frame	& Par.	4,500
Rockford, Ill.		A. Appell					
Sterling, Ill.	Bethlehem		17	....	Frame		2,000
Stronghurst, Ill.		J. M. Rydman	83	....			
†Walker Station, Ill.			59	80	Frame		3,200
East Chicago, Ind.	St. Paul		65	61	Frame		3,200
Indiana Harbor, Ind.	Genesareth		52	22			
Michigan City, Ind.	Zion	D. A. Lofgren	166	72	Frame		9,100
Whiting, Ind.	Nazareth		29	25			
Amasa, Mich.	Maria	G. A. Johnson	21	25	Frame		1,500
Baraga, Mich.							
Benten Harbor, Mich.							
Big Rapids, Mich.	Immanuel		42	16	Frame		1,200
Carney, Mich.		C. A. Lund	105	....	Frame		1,200
Cedarville, Mich.		K. J. Peel	33	20	Lot		75
Cheboygan, Mich.			34	30	Frame		1,000
Colfax, Mich.	Augustana		57	25	Frame		1,000
Crystal Falls, Mich.	Libanon	G. A. Johnson	202	136	Frame	& Par.	4,000
Detroit, Mich.	Bethlehem	Joseph Alexis	50	....			
Dollar Bay, Mich.		E. Rehner	93	45	Frame		3,650
Elk Rapids, Mich.		J. Forsberg	49	25	Frame		1,000
Gladstone, Mich.	Ebenezer		110	136	Frame	& Par.	5,000
Hancock, Mich.		E. Rehner	68	40	Frame		4,216
Iron River, Mich.	Zion		71	35	Frame	& Par.	4,000
Isabella, Mich.	Bethania	K. M. Holmberg					
Michigamme, Mich.	Bethlehem	E. V. Isaacson	48	12	Frame		1,500
Munissing, Mich.	Eden	G. A. Ekeberg					
Newberry, Mich.	Messiah		70	50	Frame		3,000
Oscoda, Mich.	Eliazor		36	38	Frame		1,000
Ontonagon, Mich.	Siloa	E. Rehner	27	....	Frame		1,050
St. Ignace, Mich.	Zion's	K. J. Peel					
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.	Elim	A. J. Lawson	31	10	Lot		650
St. Joseph, Mich.							
Scandia, Mich.	Emanuel	G. A. Ekeberg	20	10	Brick		3,000
Skanee, Mich.			120	40	Frame		2,500
Stonington, Mich.	Bethel	K. M. Holmberg	31	37	Frame		800
Traverse City, Mich.		J. Forsberg	49	39	Frame	& Par.	4,300
Trimontain, Mich.		E. Rehner	22	14			
Amery, Wis.	Ebenezer	J. A. Gustafson	67	40	Frame		1,800
Bayfield, Wis.		J. Franzen	18	30	Frame		1,300
Birch Lake, Wis.	Trinity	J. Franzen	19	15	Frame		800
Carlton, Wis.							
Clayton, Wis.	Immanuel	J. A. Gustafson	132	52	Frame		1,700
Eau Claire, Wis.	Immanuel	C. O. Lundquist	150	80	Frame	& Par.	6,500
Florence, Wis.	Bethlehem		28	85	Frame		900
Glen Flora, Wis.	Saron	J. Magny	12	....	Frame		1,000
Grantsburg, Wis.	Salem	A. A. Peterson	24	16	Frame	& Par.	2,400
Hudson, Wis.	Zion	C. E. Odell	75	40	Frame		2,400
Kenosha, Wis.	St. Paul	Carl Almen	164	90	Frame	& Par.	8,000
Madison, Wis.			20	....			
Merrill, Wis.		J. A. Carlstrom	124	59	Frame	& Par.	3,000
Milwaukee, Wis.	First	A. S. Hamilton	53	25			
Mosling, Wis.	Zion	C. A. Lund	22	....	Frame		1,100

1. Augustana Synod (Continued).

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Church Property. Par.	Value of Property.
Phillips, Wis.	Philippi		8	....	Frame		1,400
Poplar, Wis.	Bethany	J. B. A. Idstrom	71	33	Frame		3,000
Port Wing, Wis.		A. Okerstrom	102	62	Frame		2,200
Racine, Wis.	First	G. K. Stark	62	25	Brick		10,000
Rice Lake, Wis.	Immanuel	O. Nordbladh	82	30	Frame		1,600
S. Superior, Wis.							
Steel Plant, Wis.							
Superior, Wis.	Zion	J. B. A. Idstrom.	78	53	Frame & Par.		3,000
Washburn, Wis.	Emanuel	J. Franzen	37	35	Frame		1,600
West Superior, Wis.							
White Stone, Wis.							
Wonewoc, Wis.	Elim		12				
Ackley, Minn.							
Aitkin Co., Minn.	Maria	E. H. Sanden	30	10	Frame		1,000
Aitkin Co., Minn.	Bethlehem	E. H. Sanden	24	20	Frame		1,200
Aitkin Co., Minn.	St. Paul	E. H. Sanden	35	30	Frame		2,500
Annandale, Minn.	St. John	O. Wallin	69	43	Frame		875
Atkinson, Minn.	Bethel	C. E. Gustafson	26	13	Frame & Par.		1,000
Aldrich, Minn.	Balsamlund	J. Nordstrom	37	18	Frame		500
Belle Prairie, Minn.	Zion		42	41	Frame		800
Black Duck, Minn.							
Blomskog, Minn.		C. E. Gustafson	23	23	Frame & Par.		1,000
Borey, Minn.	Bethel	M. Peterson	10	....			
Camden Place, Minn.	Salem		87	130	Frame & Brick		4,000
Carlton, Minn.	Bethesda	C. O. Swenson	41	30	Frame		2,000
Coss Lake, Minn.							
Christine, Minn.		J. O. Lundberg	76	20	Frame & Par.		7,500
Clarissa, Minn.	Immanuel		65	31	Frame		1,500
Crookston, Minn.	Emanuel		38	....	Frame		1,800
Detroit, Minn.	Trinity		62	....	Frame & Par.		3,500
Elbow Lake, Minn.			62	36	Frame		5,000
Ely, Minn.	Bethany						
Eveleth, Minn.	Tabor	M. Martinson	25	50	Frame		2,800
Fertile, Minn.	St. John's		30	20	Frame		6,000
Feeley, Minn.	Bethel	M. Peterson	21	....			
Forest Lake, Minn.		J. E. Carlson	173	165	Frame & Par.		8,000
Fridsborg, Minn.		A. J. Kallberg	42	....	Frame		1,700
Grand Rapids, Minn.	Zion	M. Peterson	24	20	Frame		2,000
Ham Lake, Minn.		J. E. Erlander	105	43	Frame & Par.		3,800
Heart Lake, Minn.		J. P. Leaf					
Hermon, Minn.		O. Wallin	105	35	Frame & Par.		4,800
Hibbing, Minn.	Immanuel	J. Truedson	29	23	Frame & Par.		5,000
Hoflanda, Minn.		L. A. Edman	59	14	Frame		1,300
Hopkins, Minn.	Gethesmane	J. N. Almquist	81	90	Frame & Brick		3,600
International Falls, Minn.							
Isle Harbor, Minn.	Zion	Gustaf Nelson	22	20	Frame		500
Milaca, Minn.	Zion	A. J. Elmer	110	85	Frame & Par.		2,000
Mahtowa, Minn.	Salem	C. E. Gustafson	50	31	Frame & Par.		1,150
Minneapolis, Minn.	Grace		35	59	Frame		12,000
*Mora, Minn.		S. Udden	77	30	Frame		1,250
Merriam Park, Minn.		J. A. Frost	100	80	Frame		1,800
Minneapolis, Minn.	Zion	C. O. Olander	125	145	Frame		9,000
Moose Lake, Minn.	Bethlehem	O. Wallin	63	11	Brick		2,200
Nylanda, Minn.		C. E. Gustafson	17	....	Frame & Par.		800
Opstead, Minn.	Immanuel	Gustaf Nelson	16	....			
Olivia, Minn.		A. J. Kallberg	85	12	Frame & Par.		3,500
Ortenville, Minn.	Zion	A. Engdahl	56	30	Frame & Par.		5,000
Park Rapids, Minn.							
Pine Grove, Minn.		E. J. Werner	33	24	Frame		1,000
Princeton, Minn.	Emanuel	J. E. Carlson	25	....	Frame		2,000
Rice Lake, Minn.	Immanuel	O. Nordbladh	82	30	Frame		1,600
Ronneby, Minn.	Gustaf Adolf						
Sebeka, Minn.	Trinity	P. E. Ording	20	....	Frame		1,200
Swede Park, Minn.		C. E. Gustafson	60	22	Frame & Par.		1,200
Silver Creek, Minn.		A. F. Tornell	65	30	Frame & Brick		1,800
S. St. Paul, Minn.	Bethesda	A. Noren	76	69	Frame & Brick		4,700
Soudan, Minn.	Bethel		33	57	Frame		3,000

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t. Paul, Minn.	City Mission		....	....			.....
andstone, Minn.	Elim		22	35	Frame & Par..		900
ower, Minn.	Immanuel		38	40	Frame & Par..		12,299
own of Ward	Zion		....	....			.....
irginia, Minn.	Manre	P. O. Hanson ...	53	100	Frame & Par..		6,000
adstena, Minn.		P. J. Eckman ..	18	....	Frame		1,200
heaton, Minn.	Gustaf Adolf	E. A. Lindgren...	81	....	Frame		4,600
raddock, N. D.	Maria		38	12			.....
ergen, N. D.			....	....			.....
rand Forks, N. D.	Gustaf Adolf		46	36	Frame		3,000
alcolm, N. D.			....	....			.....
inot, N. D.	First		....	....			.....
heyenne, N. D.	Augustana	C. W. Andeer....	112	45	Frame		6,500
eller, N. D.	Birka	J. P. Neander ..	....	....			.....
ijou Hills, S. D.		K. J. Bring	31	....			.....
lack Hawk, S. D.	Bethlehem	J. E. Holzt	20	15			.....
rwin, S. D.	Klora	J. H. Ford	54	12	Frame		1,800
ead, S. D.	Augustana	J. E. Holzt	86	50	Parsonage		4,500
itchell, S. D.	Bethlehem	A. Sundberg	24	....			.....
latte, S. D.	Fridhem	K. J. Bring	36	10	Frame		1,800
latte Valley, S. D.		K. J. Bring	37	22	Frame		1,400
erraville, S. D.	Bethel	J. E. Holzt	36	35	Frame		1,500
attle Lake, Can.	Svea		....	....	Frame		1,400
uffalo Lake, Can.		L. J. Fihn	24	11	Frame		2,000
urnt Lake, Can.	Bethel	L. J. Fihn	18	....	Frame		1,400
ear Lake, Can.		O. Lindgren	....	....			.....
algary, Can.	Emanuel	L. J. Fihn	42	5	Frame		5,000
lareshohn, Can.	Swedeholm	L. J. Fihn	18	5			.....
almar, Can.		O. Lindgren	....	....			.....
anvers, Can.	Bethania		33	....	Log		300
alby, Can.	Falun	O. Lindgren	....	....			.....
ubue, Can.	New Sweden	N. Lehart	40	....			.....
leming, Can.		N. Lehart	28	....	Frame		1,000
ridhem, Can.		O. Lindgren	....	....			.....
ort William, Can.	Zion	P. N. Sjoegren...	49	....	Lot		800
enora, Can.	Bethesda	A. G. Olsson	131	60	Frame & Par..		3,800
eeting Creek, Can.		O. Lindgren	....	....			.....
oose Jaw, Can.			....	....			.....
ew Stockholm, Can.		N. Lehart	72	....	Log & Par....		3,500
ercival, Can.	Emanuel	N. Lehart	92	28	Log		1,200
ort Arthur, Can.	Immanuel	P. N. Sjoegren...	25	....	Lot		1,000
candinavia, Can.	Bethlehem		50	....	Log & Par....		1,800
avely, Can.	Salem	L. J. Fihn	19	....			.....
yndall, Can.			....	....			.....
alley City, Can.	Saron	L. J. Fihn	19	23	Frame		2,000
etaskawin, Can.	Bethlehem		....	....	Frame		2,000
innipeg, Can.	Zion	A. J. Ryden	200	86	Brick & Par..		20,000
hitemouth, Can.	Immanuel	A. G. Olsson	20	....			.....
edar Rapids, Ia.	Saron	A. E. Gustafson..	52	26	Frame & Par..		12,000
herokee, Ia.	Bethlehem		39	25	Frame		2,500
ouncil Bluffs, Ia.	Immanuel	B. N. Glim	120	32	Brick & Par..		10,500
reston, Ia.	Salem		116	34	Frame & Par..		9,000
elaware, Ia.	Immanuel	A. E. Gustafson..	57	15	Frame		1,200
iamond Center, Ia.			....	....			.....
avenport, Ia.		O. W. Ferm	80	50	Frame & Par..		8,000
airfield, Ia.	Emanuel	J. M. Persenius..	16	10	Frame		.....
incoln, Ia.			58	28	Frame & Par..		2,700
ontgomery Co., Ia.	Tabor	D. J. Laurence ..	115	40	Frame & Par..		4,250
arcus, Ia.	Carmel		58	8	Frame & Par..		2,000
eriden, Ia.	St. Jacob's		22	....			.....
orning Star, Ia.			....	....			.....
ew London, Ia.		A. E. Monell	11	....	Frame		800
debolt, Ia.			69	24	Frame		1,800
elwein, Ia.			....	....			.....
uthven, Ia.	Salem		27	....			.....
alina, Ia.	Clara	A. E. Johnson ..	101	15	Frame & Par..		4,000
henandoah, Ia.	Emanuel	G. O. Gustafson.	60	25	Frame		1,500

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Sioux City, Ia.	Immanuel	E. P. Korleen...	61	60	Frame		4,000
Summitville, Ia.	Victoria	C. O. Morland ..	38	33	Frame		600
Spencer, Ia.	Bethesda		22	14	Frame & Par..		1,200
Bucklin, Mo.			38	....	Frame		900
Kansas City, Mo.	Immanuel	O. A. Henry	126	147	Stone & Par..		46,700
Mountain Grove, Mo.			....	....			
Pierce City, Mo.			....	....			
St. Joseph, Mo.	Elim		....	....			
St. Louis, Mo.	Gethsemane	C. J. Segerhammer	145	60	Brick & Par..		5,72
Swedeborg, Mo.			26	....	Frame		1,00
Verona, Mo.			21	....	Frame & Par..		80
Wentworth, Mo.			....	....			
Benson, Neb.			....	....			
Boyd Co., Neb.	Messiah	C. A. Lindahl ..	45	23	Frame		80
Boyd Co., Neb.	Rosendahl	C. A. Lindahl ..	60	20	Frame & Par..		60
Cheyenne Co., Neb.	Peniel	F. W. Bergquist..	9	....	Frame		25
Deuel Co., Neb.	Berea	F. W. Bergquist..	32	10	Frame & Par..		2,45
Deuel Co., Neb.	Siloa	F. W. Bergquist..	18	....	Stone		30
Florence, Neb.	Ebenezer	C. E. Elving ...	9	12	Frame		1,75
Fremont, Neb.	Sinai	Elof Peterson ...	93	23	Frame & Par..		
Greeley, Neb.	Concordia	M. J. Lonner ...	70	20	Frame & Par..		5,00
Hartington, Neb.	Emanuel	G. A. Ostergren.	25	12	Frame		2,00
Hershey, Neb.		O. Hedlund	....	....			
Howard Co., Neb.	Immanuel	M. J. Lonner	....	....			
Kearney, Neb.		S. E. Selander ..	75	25	Frame & Par..		5,60
Minden, Neb.	Nazareth	O. Moren	17	....			
Norman, Neb.	Falun	O. Moren	40	....	Frame		30
Omaha, Neb.	Zion	J. V. Carlson ...	86	119	Brick		15,00
Osceola, Neb.	St. Paul	O. A. Johnson ..	94	35	Frame & Par..		8,00
Overton, Neb.		S. E. Selander ..	....	....			
S. Omaha, Neb.	Gethsemane	J. V. Corlson ...	76	74	Frame		3,50
Valparaiso, Neb.	Ekedahl	E. G. Chinlund ..	49	25	Frame		1,30
Cheyenne, Wyo.		D. N. Anderson ..	36	15	Frame		5,00
Hanna, Wyo.		D. N. Anderson ..	....	....			
Pine Bluffs, Wyo.		D. N. Anderson ..	....	....			
Rawlins, Wyo.		D. N. Anderson ..	....	....			
Rock Springs, Wyo.		D. N. Anderson ..	21	18			
Gove Co., Kan.	Saron		27	50	Stone		60
Lawrence, Kan.		E. Glad	13	....	Frame		1,00
Lund, Kan.	Gustaf's		....	....			
Ottawa, Kan.			22	20	Frame		3,00
Page Co., Kan.	Bethesda		32	13	Frame & Par..		60
Rawlins Co., Kan.	Enne		36	21	Frame		50
Sharon Springs, Kan.	Saron		16	3	Frame & Par..		50
Stockholm, Kan.	Bethania		88	11	Frame		50
Trego Co., Kan.	Emanuel		53	4	Stone		2,00
Vilas, Kan.	Bethel		61	40	Frame		1,20
Colorado Springs, Colo.		C. E. Lindquist..	68	36	Frame		1,50
Cripple Creek, Colo.		J. H. Nelson	32	15			
Greeley, Colo.	Immanuel	O. W. Gustafson.	39	25	Lot		1,20
Idaho Springs, Colo.	Zion	Oscar Ostrom ...	45	40	Frame & Par..		3,00
Las Animas, Colo.	Bethania		48	....	Stone		3,50
Loveland, Colo.	Zion	O. W. Gustafson.	65	45	Frame & Par..		4,10
Pueblo, Colo.	Tabor	G. R. Peterson ..	94	55	Stone & Par..		9,30
Victor, Colo.	Nebo	J. H. Nelson	110	30	Brick		3,00
Austin, Tex.	Gethsemane		94	50	Brick & Par..		15,00
Dallas, Tex.	Immanuel	Theodore Seashore	15	....			
El Campo, Tex.	Philippi	A. Swanlund	131	36	Frame & Par..		5,00
El Roy, Tex.	Moline	L. J. Sundquist ..	44	25	Frame		1,30
Eriksdahl, Tex.	Bethel		22	....	Lots		1,00
Fort Worth, Tex.	Gustaf Adolf	Theo. Seashore...	23	12	Lots		4,00
Galveston, Tex.	Zion		73	....	Frame		
Ganado, Tex.	Salem	A. Swanlund	25	....	Frame		1,10
Manor, Tex.	Emmaus	L. J. Sundquist..	30	32	Frame		2,10
Olivia, Tex.	Eden	C. J. Damstrom..	34	30	Lots		20
Astoria, Ore.	First	G. E. Rydquist ..	205	115	Frame & Par..		8,00
Carlsborg, Ore.		C. J. Renhard ...	....	....			

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Cascade Locks, Ore.		B. S. Nystrom...	.....	....			.....
Chinook, Ore.		G. E. Rydquist ..	.....	....			.....
The Dalles, Ore.		B. S. Nystrom...	.....	....			.....
East Portland, Ore.		C. J. Renhard ...	.....	....			.....
Gooseberry, Ore.	Valby	B. S. Nystrom ..	72	16	Frame		500
Gresham, Ore.		B. S. Nystrom...	.....	....			.....
Hood River, Ore.		B. S. Nystrom...	.....	....			.....
Hockinson, Ore.		B. S. Nystrom...	.....	....			.....
Mosier, Ore.		B. S. Nystrom...	.....	....			.....
Marshfield, Ore.	Coos Bay	B. S. Nystrom ..	195	80	Frame & Par..		10,000
Mist, Ore.	Bethlehem	C. J. Renhard ..	42	....	Frame		500
Maygers, Ore.		C. J. Renhard ..	.....	....			.....
North Bend, Ore.		B. S. Nystrom...	.....	....			.....
Powell Valley, Ore.	Saron	B. S. Nystrom ..	60	45	Frame		760
Quincy, Ore.		C. J. Renhard....	.....	....			.....
Skamokawa, Ore.	Bethania	G. E. Rydquist ..	.....	....			.....
Warren, Ore.		C. J. Renhard ..	.....	....			.....
Aberdeen, Wash.		J. A. Levin	.....	....			.....
Anacortes, Wash.		G. A. Anderson ..	.....	....			.....
Ballard, Wash.		H. Lind	.....	....			.....
Bellingham, Wash.	First	.....	53	25	Frame		4,500
Blakely, Wash.		M. L. Larson ...	.....	....			.....
Bothel, Wash.	St. John's	V. N. Thoren ...	27	7	Frame		725
Burlington, Wash.		G. A. Anderson ..	.....	....			.....
Clearbrook, Wash.	First	.....	26	20	Frame		550
Everett, Wash.	Sion	V. N. Thoren ..	65	24	Frame		3,000
Ferndale, Wash.	Immanuel	.....	30	15	Frame		400
Hoaquiam, Wash.		J. A. Levin	.....	....			.....
Kent, Wash.		M. L. Larson ...	.....	....			.....
Mica Peak, Wash.		J. Jesperson	.....	....			.....
Mt. Vernon, Wash.		G. A. Anderson ..	.....	....			.....
McNeel Island, Wash.	Sunne	C. E. Frisk	26	30	Frame		700
Olympia, Wash.	Sw. Finn.	S. D. Hawkins ..	18	17			.....
Pleasant Valley, Wash.		B. S. Nystrom ..	.....	....			.....
Rochester, Wash.	Sw. Finn.	S. D. Hawkins ..	31	15			.....
S. Tacoma, Wash.		C. E. Frisk	.....	....			.....
South Bend, Wash.	Ausgarii	S. D. Hawkins ..	9	....	Frame		500
Waterman, Wash.		M. L. Larson	.....	....			.....
West Port, Wash.		M. L. Larson	.....	....			.....
Golden, B. C.	Lebanon	R. Swanson	.....	....			.....
New Westminster, B. C...		R. Swanson	.....	....			.....
Vancouver, B. C.	First	R. Swanson	45	45	Frame & Par..		8,000
Victoria, B. C.		R. Swanson	.....	....			.....
Eureka, Cal.	Eureka	.....	18	....	Frame & Par..		6,000
Fresno, Cal.	First	.....	40	30	Frame		2,500
Kingsburg, Cal.	Concordia	.....	....	....			.....
Kerman, Cal.	Bethany	M. A. Nordstrom	40	28			.....
Riverside, Cal.	Eden	O. N. Glim	53	15	Frame & Par..		6,500
Stevenson, Cal.	Berea	.....	14	....			.....
Stockton, Cal.	Stockton	.....	9	....			.....
Bingham Canyon, Utah ..	Bethlehem	O. A. Elmquist...	114	32	Frame		2,000
Eureka, Utah	Bethel	S. E. Rydberg...	29	....			.....
Heber, Utah		O. A. Elmquist...	.....	....			.....
†Ogden, Utah	Elim	O. A. Elmquist ..	34	36	Frame & Par..		6,000
Ophir, Utah		S. E. Rydberg ..	.....	....			.....
Park City, Utah	St. John's	O. A. Elmquist ..	22	....	Frame		2,000
*Provo, Utah	Bethany	S. E. Rydberg ..	5	....	Brick & Par..		4,500
Salt Lake City, Utah ...	Zion	S. E. Rydberg ..	96	44	Brick & Par..		27,000
Santaquin, Utah	Nebo	S. E. Rydberg ..	3	....	Frame		200
*Blackfoot, Idaho	Immanuel	C. E. Bengston...	22	....			.....
†Boise, Idaho	Immanuel	A. H. Franzen...	.....	....			.....
Burley, Idaho		C. E. Bengston...	16	....	Frame		1,100
Burk, Idaho		A. V. Anderson..	.....	....			.....
Coeurd' Alene	Sion	Oscar Liden	61	50	Frame		1,800
Emmett, Idaho		.....	.....	....			.....
Hayburn, Idaho		.....	.....	....			.....
†Idaho Falls, Idaho	Gustaf Adolf	C. E. Bengston ..	55	....	Frame & Par..		4,000

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Mullan, Idaho		A. V. Anderson..					
Nampa, Idaho							
*Payette, Idaho	Immanuel	A. H. Franzen ..	17	18	Frame		1,50
Pocatello, Idaho		C. E. Bengston ..					
Rupert, Idaho							
Shelley, Idaho	Bethel	C. E. Bengston ..	21		Frame		50
Silver City, Idaho							
Twin Falls, Idaho							
Wallace, Idaho		A. V. Anderson..					
Douglas, Alaska		J. A. Levin			Frame		4,00
Anaconda, Mont.	Zion	C. W. Vetell ...	120	85	Brick & Par..		9,40
Bonner, Mont.		A. V. Anderson..					
Butte, Mont.	Emanuel	J. W. Nyvall ..	70	54	Frame		5,00
East Helena, Mont.		P. A. Fair					
Great Falls, Mont.	Bethlehem	C. T. Corlson ...	88	60			
Helena, Mont.	St. John's	P. A. Fair	68	30	Brick		5,50
Hamilton, Mont.		A. V. Anderson..					
Lothrop, Mont.		A. V. Anderson..					
Missoula, Mont.	Emanuel	A. V. Anderson..	71	36	Frame		3,60
Birmingham, Ala.		H. F. H. Hartelius					
Fruithurst, Ala.	Emanuel	H. F. H. Hartelius	13				
Thorsby, Ala.	Concordia	H. F. H. Hartelius	40	35	Frame		1,80
Silver Hill, Ala.	Sion	H. F. H. Hartelius					
De Land, Fla.		E. J. Werner ...					
Forest City, Fla.		E. J. Werner ...					
Miami, Fla.		E. J. Werner ...					
Hallandale, Fla.		E. J. Werner ...					
Pierson, Fla.	Ebenezer	E. J. Werner	43	9	Frame & Par..		5,00
Swea, Fla.		H. F. H. Hartelius					
Titusville, Fla.		E. J. Werner ...					
Upsala, Fla.	Upsala	E. J. Werner ...	11		Frame		1,10
Total	496 missions.	185 missionaries.	19070	9783			1008,10

Of the 496 missions, 488 are Swedish, 5 (marked *) are English, and 6 (marked †) are Swedish English.

2. CANADA SYNOD.

Arnprior, Ont.	St. Johannis	Wm. Kupfer			Frame	$1,50
Admaston, Ont.	St. Jacobus	Wm. Kupfer	200	80	Frame	80
Whitney, Ont.	St. Petri	Wm. Kupfer				
Renfren, Ont.		Wm. Kupfer				
Auburn, Ont.	Salem	I. Badke	52	20	Frame	90
Denbigh, Ont.	St. Paulus	G. Daechsel			Frame	1,20
Lyndoch, Ont.	Christus	G. Daechsel				
Plevna, Ont.	St. Johannis	G. Daechsel	200	80		
Raglan, Ont.	St. Stephen	G. Daechsel			Frame	1,00
Maynooth, Ont.		G. Daechsel			Frame	80
Bancroft, Ont.	Christus	G. Daechsel				
Chalk River, Ont.	St. Matthaeus	E. Haecker			Frame	80
Petawawa, Ont.	Trinitatis	E. Haecker	120	30		
Massey, Ont.	Zion	E. Haecker			Frame	80
Ottawa, Ont.	St. Johannis	C. Lucas	115	40	Brick	2,00
Port Elgin, Ont.	Salem	R. Mosig			Brick	1,00
Southampton, Ont.		R. Mosig	135	60		
Mildmay, Ont.	Matthaeus	R. Mosig			Brick	1,00
Lindwood, Ont.	St. Petri	P. Kleine	170	60	Brick	5,00
Bethlehem, Ont.		P. Kleine			Frame	80
Total	20 missions.	7 missionaries.	992	370		$17,60

3. CHICAGO SYNOD.

Alexandria, Ind.	Our Saviour	Jno. Knauer	29	37	Brick	$15,00
Benton, Ind.	St. Paul's	H. N. Thompson..	39	57	Frame	1,30
Chicago, Ill.	Atonement	A. H. Arbaugh ..	68	86		
Chicago, Ill.	St. James'	A. R. Beck	70	161	Lot	3,00
Chicago, Ill.	St. Matthew's	P. J. Gerberding.	99	125	Frame	4,70

3. Chicago Synod (Continued).

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Church Property. Par.	Value of Property.
cago, Ill.	St. Peter's	H. B. Reed	170	300	Brick		5,500
cago Heights, Ill.	Ascension	Student Brewer	19	47	Frame		350
ydon, Ind.	Mt. Solomon	A. M. Sappenfield	140	20	Frame		1,900
a, Ill.	Union	N. Mattheis	112	40	Frame	Par.	2,000
fayette, Ind.	Holy Trinity	E. D. S. Boyer	75	75	Lot	Par.	5,800
shawaka, Ind.	First	L. W. Steckel	60	85	Brick	Par.	17,800
ppanee, Ind.	St. John's	V. J. Becker	36	60	Frame	Par.	3,800
ppanee, Ind.	Emmanuel's	V. J. Becker	32	55	Frame		1,500
ith Bend, Ind.	Holy Trinity	C. A. Dennig	100	120	Frame		3,500
racuse, Ind.	Grace	H. N. Thompson	42	57	Cement Blk.		6,500
heeler, Ill.	Wheeler	N. Mattheis	19	....			1,300
Total	16 churches.	13 missionaries.	1110	1325			$73,950

4. MINISTERIUM OF NEW YORK.

ockport, N. Y.	Concordia	C. Masius	88	26	Frame		$5,000
rteret, N. J.	Zion's	E. Hingkeldey	45	28	Frame		3,500
glewood, N. J.	Ev. Luth.	J. Riebesell	40	25	Hall		3,000
rmington, N. Y.	St. John	W. Seidel	107	24	Frame		3,500
rtford, Conn.	Trinity	Vacant	61	75			3,200
llis, N. Y.	Trinity	R. Mekler, Ph.D.	32	33	Frame		7,000
mesport, L. I., N. Y.		H. Reumann	....	....			....
dison, Conn.	Immannel	A. Hunzinger	50	45	Frame		600
w Bedford, Mass.	St. John	J. Rathke	71	48	Frame		2,000
terson, N. J.	St. John	A. Redderoth, Ph.D.	24	40	House		4,500
ekskill, N. Y.	St. John	H. Krusa	30	15	Hall		2,300
tter, N. Y.	St. John	E. Reissig	192	40	Frame		2,000
vena, N. Y.	Trinity	F. Leddin	62	27	Frame		3,600
dgefield Park, N. J.		M. Voelker	....	....			....
n Nest, N. Y. City	St. Luke	W. Eickmann	125	141	Frame		7,000
atertown, N. Y.	Zion's	Y. Brandt	46	33			....
Total	16 missions.	15 missionaries.	973	600			$46,600

5. SYNOD OF NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND.

ooklyn, N. Y.	Resurrection	Vacant	59	114	No		....
ooklyn, N. Y.	Incarnation	W. H. Steinbicker	148	275	Yes		$20,000
ooklyn, N. Y.	Holy Spirit	E. J. Kouling	70	85	Yes		7,600
ooklyn, N. Y.	St. Andrew's	G. C. Blessin	52	258	No		....
ooklyn, N. Y.	Ascension	J. Schaefer	....	....	(Not organized.)		
ooklyn, N. Y.	Good Shepherd	C. D. Trexler	55	149	No		....
ffalo, N. Y.	Grace	Vacant	107	98	No		3,000
nkirk, N. Y.	Grace	G. G. Ruff	108	108	No		6,400
izabeth, N. J.	Holy Trinity	F. C. Krapf	18[illegible]	339	No		6,780
mira, N. Y.	Holy Trinity	F. C. Martin	81	69	Yes		10,000
w Rochelle, N. Y.	Holy Trinity	T. G. Hartwig	112	118	No		15,000
orth Tonawanda, N. Y.	Grace	O. L. Schreiber	120	123	No		5,000
rth Amboy, N. J.	Grace	Rob. Schlotter	80	173	No		14,000
oughkeepsie, N. Y.	St. John's	C. S. Rahn	105	64	No		5,500
uth Lima, N. Y.		J. W. Smith	24	56	No		....
eehawken, N. J.	Good Shepherd	A. Wuerstlein	76	146	No		2,400
onkers, N. Y.	Redeemer	J. W. Knapp	38	43	No		2,500
Total	17 missions.	15 missionaries.	1423	2209			$98,180

6. ENGLISH SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

. St. Paul, Minn.	St. Mark's	R. A. Helms	75	109	Frame		$2,500
eaver Bay, Minn.	Preaching Station	W. H. Gable	8	....			
ilwaukee, Wis.	Reformation	Student Weibel	....	100	Hall		....
hiensville, Wis.	Preaching Station	C. A. Dennig	....	32	Hall		....
fton, Wis.	Preaching Station	P. H. Roth and W. P. Christy	....	....	Rented Ch.		....
shkosh, Wis.	Now G. C. Mission	Wis. Pastors	....	20	Hall		....
Total	6 missions.	2 special miss.	83	261			$2,500

7. SYNOD OF NOVA SCOTIA.

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Church Property. Par.	Value of Property.
New Germany	New Germany Parish	C. H. Little	225	99			$6,000
Midville	Midville Parish	G. H. Hartwig	408	120			4,450
Total	2 missions.	2 missionaries.	633	219			$10,450

8. DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

Ashville, O.	Evan. Lutheran	A. J. Holl, supply	67	80	Frame		$4,500
Barberton, O.	First Ev. Lutheran.	F. W. Ash	157	99	Brick		10,000
Coshocton, O.	Emanuel	H. T. Weber	65	66	Brick		7,000
Defiance, O.	Zion	R. E. M. Engers.	111	71	Brick		7,000
Stanley, O.	St. John's	R. E. M. Engers.	50	....	Church		1,500
Holgate, O.	St. Peter's	R. E. M. Engers.	20	....	Cement Block.		2,500
Leetonia	St. John's	J. H. Graf	80	105	Church		2,500
London, O.	St. John's	F. W. Ash, supply	50	....	Brick		2,500
Lilly Chapel	Zion	F. W. Ash, supply	37	....	Brick		1,000
Paulding, O.	St. Paul's	R. A. Albert	65	49	Frame		3,400
Paulding, O.	St. John's	R. A. Albert	18	....			
Pemberville, O.	Martin Luther	J. S. Herold, sup.	131	53	Brick		5,000
Toledo, O.	Grace	G. S. Schmogrow.	250	274	Frame		6,000
Toledo, O.	St. Luke's	J. S. Herold	125	141	Stone Veneer.		7,000
West Carrollton, O.	Grace	L. P. Pence	65	135	Brick		2,000
Yondota, O.	St. Luke's	E. J. K. Schmidt	82	....	Cement Block.		3,500
Totals	16 missions.	10 missionaries.	1373	1223	15 churches.		$65,400

9. MANITOBA SYNOD.

No Missions other than those of the German Home Mission Board.

10. PACIFIC SYNOD.

Smelter, Wash.	English	C. F. W. Stoever	26	....	Frame	$1,000
Nehalem, Ore.	German	Vacant	28	....		
Meridian, Ore.	G. C. Mission	B. Merz	17	....		
New Era, Ore.	G. C. Mission	B. Merz	16	....		
Needy, Oreg.	G. C. Mission	B. Merz	24	....		
Holy Trinity, Eugene, Ore.	G. C. Mission	W. R. Kraxberger	35	....		
Astoria, Ore.	English	12 (Recently relinquished Aug. Synod.)				
Total	7 missions.	3 missionaries.	158			$1,000

11. MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

North Cramer Hill, N. J.	Christ	Paul Ludwig	250	240	Frame	$5,000
Egg Harbor City, N. J.	Zion	Vacant	101	230	Frame	6,650
Folsom, N. J.	St. Jacobus	G. E. A. Reshke.	179	250	Frame	6,500
Chesilhurst, N. J.	St. Paulus		101	175	Frame	
Williamstown, N. J.	St. Johannes		118	100	Frame	
Bristol, Pa.	German	A. Biemueller	85	100	Frame	20,000
Tacony, Pa.	German		110	85	Stone	
Germantown, Phila., Pa.	St. Thomas	H. P. Freeseman.	120	100	Stone	12,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Kreuz	W. R. M. Oeser.	420	450	Stone Brick	70,000
Liberty Park, Camden, N.J.	Nazareth	F. Teegen	221	190	Frame	8,000
Woodbury, N. J.	St. John's					
Gloucester, N. J.	German					
Steelton, Pa.	Trinity	E. Metzenthin	186	120	Frame	5,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Redeemer	Paul Schneider	52	100	Frame	4,000
Hainesport, N. J.	St. Paul's	A. Neudoerffer	134	90	Frame	4,000
Asbury Park, N. J.	Atonement	Vacant	92	75	Frame	12,000
Atlantic City, N. J.	St. Andrew's	Vacant	70	70	Frame	20,000
Trenton, N. J.	Saviour	J. C. Mattes	163	215	Stone	18,000
Frankford, Phila., Pa.	Salem	Francis Miller	121	175	Frame	3,000
Falls, Phila., Pa.	Redeemer	H. F. Hehl	76	105	Stone	7,500
Philadelphia, Pa.	Resurrection	H. F. Sieger	125	225	Brick	11,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Our Saviour	C. M. Sandt	123	240	Stone	10.000
Philadelphia, Pa.	St. John's (Danish)	J. P. Nielsen				
Manoa, Del. Co., Pa.	Trinity	F. G. Huntzinger	41	80	Stone	9,000

11. Ministerium of Pennsylvania (Continued).

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Church Property. Par.	Value of Property.
South Camden, N. J.	Christ	F. I. Paul	67	134	Frame		4,000
Magnolia, N. J.	Trinity	Vacant			Frame		2,000
Olney, Philadelphia, Pa.	Zion	Fred. W. Friday.	54	80	Frame		5,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Covenant	J. W. H. Heintz	100	160	Frame		6,750
Overbrook, Phila., Pa.	Good Shepherd	M. R. Minnich	28	60			
Philladelphia, Pa.	Mediator	F. T. Esterly	63	95			
Wildwood, N. J.	Holy Trinity	H. E. Snyder	58	80			8,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Advocate	J. C. Fisher	60	130	Stone		10,000
Souderton, Pa.	Emmanuel	G. S. Fegley	305	200	Stone		10,000
Attleboro, Bucks Co., Pa.	Redeemer	N. Y. Ritter	40	60	Stone		6,000
Shillington-Edison, Pa.	Grace	F.F.Buermeyer,D.D	60	160	Brick		4,000
Bernville, Pa.	Frieden's						
E. Bangor, Pa.	Grace	J. H. Miller	60	85			
N. Bethlehem, Pa.	St. Stephen's	C. J. Cooper, D.D.	70	90			
Allentown, Pa.	St. Stephen's	Ira W. Klick	249	350	Stone		18,000
E. Allentown, Pa.	St. Joseph's	J. W. Mattern	55	110	Stone		3,500
Northampton Heights, Pa.	St. Matthew's	S. M. Wenrich	263	250	Brick		3,600
Easton, Pa.	Colored	Mr. J. A. Burton					
N. Water Gap, Pa.	St. Mark's	L. A. Trump	57	65	Stone		4,000
S. Allentown, Pa.	Grace	J. H. Raker	75	220			5,000
Scranton, Pa.	St. Paul's	W. S. Heist	83	90	Frame		12,000
Scranton, Pa.	Christ	J. D. C. Witte	326	260	Frame		12,000
Sayre, Pa.	St. John's	E, M. Beysher	135	100	Frame		7,500
Gouldsboro, Pa.	Grace	J. M. Smeltzer	50	85	Frame		8,500
Carbondale, Pa.	St. Paul's	R. L. Pfeil	105	70	Frame		7,800
Packerton, Pa.	Zion	Vacant			Frame		8,000
Lopez, Pa.	Trinity	A. L. Smith	28	110			1,500
Ricketts, Pa.	St. John's						
Lehighton, Pa.	Grace	Frank Croman	70	90	Stone		8,000
Plymouth, Pa.	St. Paul's						
Locust Valley, Pa.	St. Peter's	J. H. Young	205	70	Frame		20,000
Quakake, Pa.	Christ Church						
Quakake, Pa.	Ascension						
Pinegrove, Pa.	St. Peter's	W. W. Kramlich.	125	70			
Dows, Pa.	St. Mark's						
Pinegrove Twp., Pa.	St. Matthew's						
Branch Twp., Pa.	Frieden's	H. M. Shofer	130	80	Frame		8,000
Ringgold, Pa.	Ringgold	J. H. Keller					
Berwick, Pa.	Berwick	H. M. Shofer					13,300
Strasburg, Pa.	St. Michael's	G. W. McClanahan	128	115	Stone		14,000
Palmyra, Pa.	Palmyra	J. H. Neiman	80	80	Stone		3,000
Harrisburg, Pa.	Holy Communion	C. P. Fegley	67	45			4,700
Lancaster, Pa.	St. Mark's	J. H. Strenge	57	50	Brick		5,000
Lititz, Pa.	St. James'	J. H. Darmstaetter	22	40	Brick		5,000
Richfield Twp., Pa.	Richfield	E. E. Gilbert	227	260	Brick		4,000
Monroe, Pa.	St. Peter						
Perry Twp., Pa.	Zion						
Jersey Shore	Zion	C. D. Zweier					4,500
S. Williamsport, Pa.	Christ	Chas. Ziegelbrier.					2,400
Mildred, Pa.	Trinity	W. H. Berk					4,000
Totals	74 missions.	54 missionaries.	6122	6509			$330,700

12. PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

Allegheny, Pa.	Emanuel's	B. F. Hankey	61	50	Frame		$12,000
Allegheny, Pa.	Bellevue	B. F. Hankey	20	55			8,000
Ambridge, Pa.	Zion's	J. A. Frischkorn.	42	77	Brick		7,523
Ashtabula, O.	1st English	Wm. F. Pfeifer.	15	12			
Avonmore, Pa.	St. Andrew's	Chas. D. Miller	21	39	Frame		4,000
Avonmore, Pa.	St. James'	Chas. D. Miller.	75	35	Brick		3,500
Braddock, Pa.	Trinity	W. E. Bauer	64	54	Frame		7,500
Bridgeville, Pa.	Zion's	H. A. Ziel, Ph.D.	79	35	Frame		6,000
Bridgeport, O.	Holy Trinity	A. C. Sumons	96	79	Brick	Brick	14,000
Cleveland, O.	1st English	G. B. Mathews	122	101	Brick		17,000
Conneaut, O.	Grace	Vacant	29	25	Brick		5,500
Corry, Pa.	St. Paul's	H. N. Harter	66	47	Brick	Frame	5,000
Ellwood City, Pa.	Trinity	A. P. Lentz	94	45	Frame	Frame	7,000

12. Pittsburgh Synod (Continued).

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church. Property. Ch.	Par.	Value of Property.
.....	St. Mark's.....	A. P. Lentz	68	80	Frame		1,200
.....	Zion's.....	A. P. Lentz	30	60	Frame		1,000
Emlenton, Pa.....	St. John's.....	Walter C. Beck ..	54	35	Frame		3,000
Emricksville, Pa.....	Grace.....	J. W. Myers	24	49	Frame		2,000
Erie, Pa.....	St. Matthew's.....	J. J. Neudoerfer.	100	60	Frame		6,000
Erie, Pa.....	Grace.....	F. E. Strobel	108	172	Frame		4,000
Fennletown, Pa.....	.....	Herbert Martens..	49	29	Frame		2,500
Ford City, Pa.....	(German).....	Vacant	60	24	Frame		4,000
Freeport, Pa.....	(German).....	Vacant	50	52	Frame		.....
Glenfield, Pa.....	(German).....	J. A. Friochkorn.	90	24	Frame		4,000
Girard, Pa.....	St. John's.....	Vacant	50	33	.....		.....
Hoffmans, Pa.....	Old Hoffmans.....	John Shunk	33	37	Brick		3,000
Hunkers, Pa.....	St. Luke's.....	H. K. Shanor	30	70	.....		.....
Jeanette, Pa.	Christ's (Ger.).....	Vacant	56	30	Frame	Frame	3,000
Johnsonberg, Pa.....	St. John's (Ger.)....	Paul Kummer	106	97	Brick	Frame	7,000
Latrobe, Pa.....	Christ's (Ger.).....	Vacant	80	200	Frame		6,000
Leetsdale, Pa.....	St. Matthew's.....	P. J. C. Glatzert.	50	66	Frame		3,000
Martins Ferry, O.....	Hungarian.....	J. Csarneczsky ...	.....	....	.....		.....
Monaca, Pa.....	Ch. of Redeemer....	I. H. Stetler ...	150	149	Brick		10,000
Morgantown, W. Va.....	St. Paul's.....	J. A. Yount	76	75	Frame		7,000
Moundsville, W. Va.....	Zion's.....	Supplied	30	50	Frame		800
Natrona, Pa.....	St. Peter's.....	J. R. Richards ..	105	80	Brick		6,700
New Kensington, Pa.....	St. Paul's.....	I.M.Wallace,Ph.D.	22	17	Frame		1,800
North East, Pa.....	St. Peter's.....	J. Q. Waters	82	43	Brick		8,000
Osage, O.....	.....	Vacant	40	44	.....		1,800
Parkersburg, W. Va.....	St. John's.....	F. C. Longaker ..	142	101	Brick		18,000
Pittcairn, Pa.	St. Paul's.....	Wm. E. Bauer ..	29	23	.....		.....
Pittsburgh, Pa.	Ch. of Redeemer....	H. S. Gilbert	129	107	Frame		12 000
Pittsburgh, Pa.	Jewish.....	J. Legum, Ph.D...	.....	....	.....		.....
Reynoldsville, Pa.....	Trinity.....	J. W. Myers	119	90	Frame		3,000
Reynoldsville, Pa.....	Chestnut Grove.....	J. W. Myers	89	40	Frame		1,500
Saltsburg, Pa.....	St. John's.....	H. Martens	48	40	Brick		7,000
Sewickley, Pa.....	St. Paul's.....	P. J. C. Glatzert.	33	31	.....		.....
Smithton, Pa.....	Memorial.....	John Shunk	15	88	.....		.....
South Sharon, Pa.....	Grace.....	H. F. Obenauf ..	37	75	Frame		6,000
Springdale, Pa.....	St. Mark's.....	E. O. Graham ...	44	31	Frame	Frame	2,500
St. Petersburg, Pa.....	St. Peter's.....	W. C. Beck	82	92	Frame		3,500
Tarentum, Pa.....	Grace.....	E. O. Graham ..	55	70	Frame		3,500
Verona, Pa.....	Trinity.....	I.C.Wallace, Ph.D.	99	78	Frame		5,000
Youngwood, Pa.....	St. Luke's.....	H. K. Shanor	80	81	Brick		9,000
Total.....	53 missions.	31 missionaries.	3351	3377	.....		$253,873

RECAPITULATION OF GENERAL COUNCIL HOME MISSIONS.

1. Missions Supported by	Number of Missions.	No. of Mission-aries.	Communi-cant Members.	Sunday School Scholars.	Value of Church Property.
General Council English Board	47	37	3,841	4,035	$260,600
General Council German Board	58	22	5,918	.....	.....
Augustana Synod (Swedish and English)	496	185	19,070	9,783	1,008,100
Canada Synod (German)	20	7	992	370	17,600
Chicago Synod (English)	16	13	1,110	1,325	73,950
Ministerium of New York (German)	16	15	973	600	46,600
New York and New England Synod (English)	17	15	1,423	2,209	98,180
Synod of the Northwest (English)	5	2	83	261	2,500
Nova Scotia Synod (English)	2	2	633	219	10,450
District Synod of Ohio (English)	16	10	1,373	1,223	65,400
Manitoba Synod (German)	...	...	....	.....	.....
Pacific Synod (English and German)	3	3	54	.....	1,000
Ministerium of Pennsylvania (English and German)	74	55	6,122	6,509	330,700
Pittsburgh Synod (English and German)	53	31	3,351	3,377	253,873
Total	823	397	44,943	29,911	$2,168,953

2. MISSIONS ACCORDING TO STATES AND TERRITORIES.

UNITED STATES.

Alabama	4
Alaska	1
California	11
Colorado	8
Connecticut	15
Delaware	2
District of Columbia	2
Florida	8
Idaho	17
Illinois	46
Indiana	14
Iowa	22
Kansas	10
Maine	2
Maryland	1
Massachusetts	25
Michigan	31
Minnesota	69
Missouri	9
Montana	11
Nebraska	20
New Hampshire	1
New Jersey	36
New York	57
North Dakota	7
Ohio	24
Oregon	29
Pennsylvania	121
Rhode Island	6
South Dakota	10
Texas	10
Utah	11
Vermont	3
Washington	28
West Virginia	3
Wisconsin	37
Wyoming	5
	718

CANADA.

Alberta	16
British Columbia	4
Manitoba	42
Nova Scotia	2
Ontario	25
Saskatchewan	16
	105
Grand Total	823

3. MISSIONS ACCORDING TO LANGUAGE.

A. ENGLISH MISSIONS.

Synods.	Churches.	Communicant Members.
Augustana Synod	5	302
Chicago Synod	16	1110
New York & N. Eng. Synod	17	1423
Northwest, Eng. Synod of	5	83
Nova Scotia Synod	2	633
Ohio, District Synod of	16	1373
Pacific Synod	2	26
Penna. Ministerium	58	4295
Pittsburgh Synod	46	2909
Gen. Council Board	47	3841
Total	214	15,995

B. GERMAN MISSIONS.

Synods.	Churches.	Communicant Members.
Canada Synod	20	992
New York Ministerium	16	973
Pacific Synod	1	28
Penna. Ministerium	15	1827
Pittsburgh Synod	6	442
General Council Board	58	5918
Total	116	10,180

C. SWEDISH MISSIONS.

Synods.	Churches.	Communicant Members.
Augustana Synod	491	18,768

D. MISCELLANEOUS.

Synods.	Churches.	Communicant Members.
Pa. Ministerium—Danish	1	.....
Pittsburgh Synod—Hunga'n	1	.....
Total	2	.....

SUMMARY OF GENERAL COUNCIL MISSIONS.

English Missions	214	15,995
German Missions	116	10,180
Swedish Missions	491	18,768
Miscellaneous	2	.....
Grand Total	823	44,943

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MINUTES

OF THE

Thirty-second Convention

OF THE

GENERAL COUNCIL

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America

HELD IN

SALEM CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

September 9-14, A. D. 1909

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SALEM ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Minneapolis, Minn.

The first church edifice was erected in 1889, on the present site, the corner of 28th street and Garfield avenue, and the congregation organized in March, 1890, by the Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D., at that time pastor of St. John's, the first English Lutheran congregation in the Northwest. The Rev. R. L. Leatherman was the first pastor of Salem Church, succeeded in December, 1897, by the Rev. Dr. Trabert. In 1898 the parsonage was erected. In 1902 the congregation became self-sustaining. On July 3, 1904, the cornerstone of the present edifice was laid. The dedication occurred March 5, 1905.

The church is built of Trenton limestone, with Bedford stone trimmings, in French Gothic style. The furnishings are of golden oak. The exterior dimensions of the church are 51 by 97 feet. The seating capacity is 450. The Sunday-school room is arranged for the Graded System with Wilson folding partitions.

The church is a donation by Hon. and Mrs. Charles A. Smith as "A Memorial for Blessings received and to the Honor and Glory of God."

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

Thirty-second Convention

OPENING SERVICE.

The Thirty-second Convention of "The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America" was held in Salem English Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Twenty-eighth Street and Garfield Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn. (the Rev. George H. Trabert, D.D., pastor), commencing on Thursday morning, September 9, 1909.

The Confessional Service was held at 10 A. M. in the Sunday-school room, after which the brethren proceeded in a body to the auditorium, where the Order of Morning Service was used, beginning at the Introit. These services were conducted by the Officers of the General Council, including the various synodical presidents as Vice-Presidents of the Council. The President, the Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., of Lebanon, Pa., preached the Sermon on the Gospel for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, Luke 10:23-37. His Theme was

"The Blessed Eye, the Great Commandment, the Good Samaritan"

The Lord's Supper was then administered to the delegates and visiting brethren.

FIRST SESSION.

SALEM CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.
Thursday September 9, 1909, 2 p. m.

After the singing of Hymn 11, "Now thank we all our God," the President of the General Council formally opened the convention for the transaction of business, according to the "Order for the Opening of Synods."

The credentials of delegates were handed to the President, and the roll was called. As completed at the close of the convention it was as follows:

ROLL OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

I. Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States.

Organized Trinity Sunday, A. D. 1748.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. Prof. Jacob Fry, D.D., *ex-officio.*	Frank D. Bittner.
" Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D.	Charles B. Opp.
" Prof. Henry E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D.	C. F. Mosser.
" John E. Whitteker, D.D.	David D. Fritch, M.D.
" Prof. Adolph Spaeth, D.D., LL.D.	Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler, Ph.D., LL.D.
" Edward T. Horn, D.D., LL.D.	Antonius C. Albrecht.
" Prof. George F. Spieker, D.D.	Hon. Cyrus R. Lantz.
" Harvey A. Weller.	John M. Snyder.
" Jacob C. Kunzmann, D.D.	James M. Snyder.
" George W. Sandt, D.D.	Francis O. Ritter, M.D.
" William D. C. Keiter.	William S. Mohr.
" Lewis Lindenstruth, D.D.	William H. Hager.
" Henry Offermann, D.D.	E. K. Snell.
" Charles M. Jacobs.	Trion D. Fritch.
" Oscar E. Pflueger.	William Wohlsen.
" John C. Seegers, D.D.	Samuel C. Seiple, M.D.
" Ernst F. Bachmann.	Irwin G. Romich, M.D.
" James L. Becker.	Allen Albright.
" Herman H. Bruning. D.D.	James G. Finley.
" William M. Rehrig, Ph.D.	J. J. Wesner.
" Frederick P. Mayser, D.D.	J. K. Berk, M.D.
" James F. Lambert.	George K. Enzian.
" I. Chantry Hoffmann.	Reuben D. Wenrich, M.D.
" Augustus Steimle.	
" Luther D. Reed.	
" Stephen Paulson.	
" George Drach.	
" George Gebert.	
" Jeremiah F. Ohl, Mus. D.	
" William L. Hunton, Ph.D.	
" Samuel A. Ziegenfuss, D.D.	
" Asher P. Pflueger.	

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II. Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York and Adjacent States and Countries.

Organized A. D. 1772.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. George C. F. Haas, D.D., *ex-officio.*	August Grulich.
" Gottlieb C. Berkemeier, D.D.	
" Christian G. Fischer.	
" John A. W. Kirsch.	
" Emil C. J. Kraeling.	
" Werner L. Genzmer.	
" C. Reinhold Tappert.	—8

III. Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Organized January 15, A. D. 1845.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. C. Theodore Benze, D.D., *ex-officio.*	Adam Leib.
	W. Warren Wattles.
" Henry W. Roth, D.D.	Leonard Keck.
" William J. Miller, D.D.	Prof. Otto F. H. Bert.
" Prof. Elmer F. Krauss, D.D.	G. F. Greiner, Esq.
" Hugo R. Erdmann.	J. Howard Patton.
" Edmund Belfour, D.D.	Charles Schimmelfeng.
" Alexander J. D. Haupt, D.D.	Andrew Herzel.
" George J. Gongaware.	
" Adolphus L. Yount, D.D.	
" Frank C. Oberly.	
" Gustave A. Benze.	
" G. Franklin Gehr.	
" William E. Frey.	
" Earnest A. Trabert, alt.	—21

IV. Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio.

Organized A. D. 1867.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. William A. Beates, *ex-officio.*	Hon. Mahlon Gebhart.
" Albert F. Siebert, D.D.	Samuel Stiver.
" George W. Mechling, D.D.	Prof. G. W. Ludy.
" Prof. Alfred Ramsey, D.D.	
" Ferdinand W. E. Peschau, D.D.	
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V. Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod.

Organized June 5, A. D. 1860.

Clerical.

Rev. Eric Norelius, D.D., R. N. O., *ex-officio.*
" John G. Dahlberg.
" Laurentius G. Abrahamson, D.D., R. N. O.
" Prof. Nils Forsander, D.D., R. N. O.
" Lawrence A. Johnston, D.D.
" Mattis C. Ranseen, D.D.
" Carl Christenson.
" Peter J. Brodine, D.D.
" Henry O. Lindeblad.
" Carl A. Rosander.
" August W. Stark.
" Carl P. Edblom.
" Lars G. Almen.
" Carl E. Cesander.
" Carl A. Hultkrans.
" John G. Hultkrans.
" John A. Krantz, D.D.
" Johan E. Linner.
" Carl O. Lundquist.
" Anders P. Monten.
" Peter Peterson.
" Carl J. Petri, D.D.
" August T. Seashore.
" Emanuel O. Stone.
" Jacob P. Uhler, Ph.D.
" Eric J. Nystrom.
" Carl E. Benson.
" Joseph A. Anderson.
" Carl O. Morland.
" Carl A. Randolph.
" Carl J. Sodergren.
" Anders J. Enstam.
" Sven G. Ohman, D.D.
" Alfred Bergin, Ph.D.
" Gustaf A. Dorf.
" Aaron S. Segerhammar.
" Carl E. Elving.
" John E. Rydback.
" Fred. Wyman.
" Gustaf Rast, D.D.

Lay.

Prof Claude W. Foss, Ph.D.
Grant Hultberg.
Frank Stahl.
Erland Lind, Esq.
Prof. Frank Nelson.
Byron Lindgren.
Carl J. Lundquist.
Gilbert Seashore, M.D.
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Peter P. Quist.
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Hon. Carl J. Swendsen.
John A. Alander.
Ben. Wallin.
Abraham T. Jacobson.
Frank O. Blomgren.
Prof. Isaac M. Anderson.
Nils Anderson.
John F. Erickson.
S. P. Sabom.
Prof. Andrew A. Stomberg.
Joshua Larson, Ph.D.
Harry Anderson.
J. Holcomb.
Prof. Luther Hanson.
John Samuelson.
Swan Nelson.
Nels A. Lindquist.
Chas. F. Peterson.

Clerical.

Rev. Oscar A. Henry.
" Gottfred Nelson.
" Ira O. Nothstein.
" August Norrbom.
" Johan A. Frost.
" Oscar A. Nelson.
" Andreas Noren.
" August Samuelson.
" Henry P. Johnson.
" Peter E. Bergstrom.
" Alexis Andreen.
" Lars P. Bergstrom.
" Christian Svenson.
" John H. Nelson.
" Alfred Appell. —88

VI. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada.

Organized July, A. D. 1861.

Clerical. *Lay.*

Rev. Emil Hoffmann.
" Henry Rembe. —2

VII. Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Organized A. D. 1871.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. Alonzo H. Arbaugh, *ex-officio.*	Daniel M. Schueren.
" M. Edmund Haberland.	Frederick P. Johnson.
" Prof. George H. Gerberding, D.D.	Percy V. Ruch.
" Austin D. Crile.	Augustus G. Webber, Esq.

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VIII. English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.

Organized September 23, A. D. 1891.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. Albert J. Reichert, *ex-officio.*	Hon. Charles A. Smith.
" William K. Frick, D.D.	William F. Laudon.
" George H. Trabert, D.D.	Oscar A. Adler.
" George H. Schnur.	Henry W. Knauff.

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IX. German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Manitoba and Other Provinces.

Organized A. D. 1867.

Clerical. *Lay.*

Rev. Martin Ruccius, *ex-officio.*
" F. Loeb. —2

X. Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Organized A. D. 1901.

Clerical.	*Lay.*	
Rev. J. Allen Leas, *ex-officio.*		—1

XI. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York and New England.

Organized A. D. 1901.

Clerical.	*Lay.*	
Rev. Samuel G. Weiskotten, D.D., *ex-officio.*	Frederick J. Walter.	
	John W. Henrich.	
" Frederick A. Kaehler, D.D.		
" H. Douglas Spaeth.		
" Edwin F. Keever.		—6

XII. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nova Scotia.

Organized July 10, 1903.

Clerical.	*Lay.*	
Rev. William W. Weaver, *ex-officio.*		—1

XIII. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada.

Organized May 26, A. D. 1909.

Clerical.	*Lay.*	
Rev. Martin J. Bieber, *ex-officio.*		—1

Number of Delegates Present: Clerical, 131. Lay, 78. Total, 209.

OFFICIAL VISITORS.

From the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa and Other States.

Rev. Carl Proehl, Mendota, Ill.

From the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America.

Rev. George M. Grau, D.D., McClure, Ohio.

From the Icelandic Synod.

Rev. Bjorn B. Jonsson, Minneota, Minn.

Names of Visiting Clergymen in the Unity of the Faith With the General Council.

Rev. Asbjorn C. Anda.
" August F. Augustin.
" William F. Bacher.
" James F. Beates.
Rev. Willis Beck.
" Gustav Blessin.
" Cobus Bomgarden.
" John J. Clemens.

Rev. Gustav A. Elliott.
" Anthony F. Elmquist, Ph.D.
" Herman L. Fritschel.
" Joseph O. Glenn.
" William H. Gable.
" Howard R. Gold.
" Gustav Graf.
" William H. Greever.
" Levi F. Gruber.
" Henry Hartig.
" Robert A. Helms.
" Charles H. Hemsath.
" Frank E. Jensen.
" John Keehley.
" J. Knoll.
Rev. J. F. Lambert.
" David Lebahn.
" James O. Leipensberger.
" K. K. Olafson.
" C. F. Peterson Grand.
" Adam L. Ramer, Ph.D.
" Fred'k A. Schaffnit.
" William S. Ulrich.
" Ira W. Wallace.
" Charles P. Weiskotten.
" J. Howard Worth.
" Orlando S. Yerger.
" Fred'k Zimmerman.
" John A. Zundel.
" M. Luther Zweizig.

APPLICATION OF NEW SYNODS.

The following Committee on the Application of New Synods was appointed, to whom was referred the application of the Synod of Central Canada: The Revs. G. C. F. Haas, D.D., H. W. Roth, D.D., F. P. Mayser, D.D., A. J. Reichert, S. G. Weiskotten, D.D., J. A. Leas, P. J. Brodine, D.D., Mr. A. C. Albrecht, and G. Seashore, M.D.

The President presented his official report as follows:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

PART I.

A rapid progress in the unification of the world, in idea, thought, mode of travel, solidification of territories and vast distances; the increasing mobility of social units of civilization, the interchange of the ends of the earth by wireless telegraphy, fast trains, mails, steamers, airships, is the most startling feature of the Twentieth Century.

The day of tradition is past, and the old must fight in order to be able to exist. The problem brought about by the rapidly changing relations of the different races and languages is great. Christianity in general, and Lutheranism in particular, will be mightily affected by the new relations of thought and life into which the generation before us is about to enter.

Yet while nature, history, and life do change, the truth does not change, and Jesus Christ remains the same yesterday, to-day, and forever. It behooves the Church not to rest immovable in the old and passing civilization, but to be quick and able to make such applications of the old and eternal truth to the new conditions as will insure the stability of the old faith in the progress of the new life.

This is true of the Church in America, and true of the work in Foreign

Lands, the Fortieth Anniversary of which our General Council Church celebrates at this Minneapolis meeting.

In a statement made to the President of the General Council by the officers of the World Missionary Conference, the great and close contact between the East and the West is said to be "giving rise to a new ferment of ideas. It is hardly possible that the hoary civilizations of Asia should be subjected to this onrush without an intellectual upheaval comparable to the movement that shook the life of Europe at the Renaissance. Such a period of living mental activity affords opportunity for the rapid spread of Christian truth, but constitutes a peril that will make severe demands on the faith of the Christian Church."

A united effort is to be made to subject the whole missionary work of the world to searching investigation, and to coordinate missionary experience from all parts of the earth.

The arrangements for the coming World's Missionary Conference are in the hands of representatives of the Missionary Societies in the United Kingdom, with Councillors from North America and from the "Ausschuss der deutschen evangelischen Missionsgesellschaften." The membership of the Conference will be restricted to not over 1,100 official delegates. The Committee invites all who believe in the efficacy of prayer to unite in regular intercession on behalf of this Conference. With its wide and earnest outlook, and with its appeal to the power of prayer for the Foreign Field, the General Council is in unison, and we regret our inability on account of our sound fundamental principle, of unity as a prerequisite to cooperation, to enter in as one of the active elements in such a meeting.

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

On October 14th, 1908, Dr. W. H. Roberts, chairman of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, wrote asking me, as President of the General Council, "to authorize certain persons, say ten in number, to sit in the Council as corresponding members." I replied that it was beyond my power, as President, to take such action. The correspondence is submitted.

THE CENSUS.

The Director of the U. S. Census has sent me preliminary statistics from the Report of the Religious Census to be published this Fall.

In 1906 there were thirty-three millions of communicant members in the Christian Church in this country, an increase of twelve and a quarter million over 1890. Of the thirty-three million, twenty and one quarter million were Protestants. Of these, 2,112,484 were Lutherans, an increase of 881,422, or 71.6 per cent. over the Lutheran membership of 1890.

Though the Protestants constitute sixty-one and one-half per cent. and the Roman Catholics thirty-six and one-half per cent, of the total membership, the rate of the Roman Catholic increase is 93.5 per cent., or more

than twice that of all the Protestant bodies, which was only 44.8 per cent. Roman Catholics form the majority of the population in sixteen States, namely, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Wisconsin, 50.5 per cent., Michigan, 50.1 per cent., New Jersey, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona, California, and Louisiana.

The Baptists have a majority of the population in Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, South Carolina, and Virginia. The highest percentage of Methodist population is 45.5 per cent., in Delaware; of Lutheran, 37.7 per cent., in North Dakota; of the Disciples, 15.9 per cent., in Kentucky; of Presbyterian, 11.4 per cent., in Tennessee.

The statisticians consider it unusual that only 43 per cent. of the membership belongs to the male sex, 39 per cent. among the Protestants, 49 per cent. among the Roman Catholics; but to those who understand the Church, this will not seem an unusually small proportion.

There is a larger male membership among Lutherans, in proportion, than among the Disciples, Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, and Protestant Episcopalians, among whom but 35.5 per cent. are male. Among the Christian Scientists only 27.6 per cent. are males.*

Between 1890 and 1906 the increase in the valuation of Protestant Church property was $386,000,000, the increase in Roman Catholic Church property was $175,000,000. The seating capacity of all churches in 1906 was 58,500,000, an increase of one-third over 1890.

The Methodists, the Baptists, the Lutherans, the Presbyterians, and the Disciples together constitute more than four-fifths of all Protestants in the country. The relative rate of increase in these five bodies is as follows: The Disciples, first, 78.2 per cent.; the Lutherans, second, 71.6 per cent.; the Baptists, third, 52.5 per cent.: the Presbyterians, fourth, 43.3 per cent.; the Methodists, fifth, 25.3 per cent.

Although statistics are no indication of the progress of the Kingdom of God, from such progress as they do indicate, our Church in this land can take much encouragement and proceed hopefully into the future.

The total number of Lutheran bodies in the U. S. is 12,703, with 2,113,595 communicant members. The value of all Lutheran Church property in the U. S. is $75,826,389, with a debt of $7,849,469. The value of all the parsonages is $11,519,988. The number of Sunday-schools reported is 9,450, with 874,786 scholars.

In the General Council there are 2,146 organizations, with 462,177 as the total number of communicant members reported. The Church property of the Council is valued at $22,394,618, with a debt of $2,944,683. The parsonages are valued at $2,607,237. There are 2,110 Sunday-schools reported, with 254,882 scholars.

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*A considerable portion of the increase of the Christian Scientists is accounted for by the fact that a part of the membership is counted twice, the duplication being in connection with the "Mother Church" in Boston.

EDUCATION.

I deem it wise to direct attention to the changed conditions that obtain in the field of higher American education, and that must be met by the Christian Church, and by Lutheranism, if we wish to retain the hold of our faith, which we believe to be the most precious of all truths, upon the minds of the rising generation.

The educational world today has outgrown the traditional college and has passed out from the ideals, the methods, and the traditions, of a quarter of a century ago.

The higher college and university of to-day is no longer composed of youths, but of young men, and both the thinking and the work of young men in our day is already comparatively mature. The new college is attempting to deal with its pupils as citizens, and not as children, to teach them to think, and to increase their sense of responsibility. The young man of to-day wishes to reach out to the realities of knowledge and life, and is not content with text-book condensations. He wishes his school to fit him in the line of a vocation or a profession, while at the same time it gives him general culture. He does not have patience with what he regards as antiquated notions of the functions of class-room work.

A High School graduation is becoming universal and in many places takes the place of a college diploma. The student no longer reveres scholarship for its own sake, but regards manhood and citizenship as something higher, and scholarship as contributory to this ideal.

Meantime the hand of religion must touch the young men and their new ideals at every step, if it is ever to touch them thereafter. It must stand warningly against a great deal of that which is loose and wide-open in modern college life, against improper outlook upon the future, the laxity of student life in many of our large institutions, and the irreverent spirit in which many of the greatest realities of the Christian faith are handled.

More and more the young men of the Church are being drawn into the higher secular educational institutions of the land. There are said to be no less than six hundred Lutheran students in the University of Wisconsin, and fifteen hundred Lutheran students in the University of Minnesota. Surely the Church must make the effort to maintain the faith, to gain the intellectual respect and to secure the devotion of this better class of coming men. Here, least of all, can we afford to let things go their course. In view of the fact that there is a tendency on the part of organized educational associations to question the right of a religious attitude as fundamental in education, and to constantly criticise the Christian Church, the Church ought, wherever possible, to take measures to provide pastors for students at our larger educational institutions, with the organization of a religious home life on the principles of our faith. Lutheran Homes that will get into touch with all students of our faith in unsectarian institutions should be established. This work need not be excessively costly, and no investment for the next generation will repay the Church so many hundred

fold. I would recommend that a Committee on Education be empowered to raise funds, as may be deemed necessary, for this purpose. I would further recommend that a special committee be charged with examining into this subject and bringing in a report at this session.

The General Council has not hitherto sought a practical hold on the vital subject of education, but has left that work to its Synods and smaller bodies. It has for some years had a standing committee on education, which has considered ideals and methods of educational work and made report from time to time. The question arises whether the principle of unification which has obtained from the beginning in Foreign Missions, and which has been applied more recently to Home Missions, could not, to some limited extent, be made helpful in our future educational work. If the spirit of individualism in our older education could be replaced by a larger ideal, such an ideal as is found even in the Synodical Conference, and the General Synod, whose Board of Education not only unites all its institutions, but fixes educational apportionments and raises vast sums annually for this purpose, our work in this line might be forwarded. At the very least, our educational committee should become a Board. Yet it should ever respect true individuality and real personality, and should not seek to so "standardize" institutions and methods as to rob our teachers and their efforts of the priceless jewel of individuality. There should be committed to it certain practical functions of helpfulness and of unification, and the duty of caring for such general interests as Synods themselves are unable to undertake.

THE REFORMATION JUBILEE OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

Every Lutheran will recall the profound influence exerted upon the early part of the Nineteenth Century, and felt throughout the whole Century, and to-day yet, by the celebration of the Three-Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of Protestantism, in 1817. It was on the occasion of this tercentenary celebration of the Reformation that Claus Harms sounded the trumpet and awoke the hosts of the Lord against the prevailing rationalism and unionism into which Protestantism had for several years been falling, by his re-publication of Luther's Theses with ninety-five new theses, as "a transition from 1517 to 1817."

There is a widespread desire that vigorous action should be urged by the General Council to arouse the Synods to a mighty effort to do something handsome for our educational and missionary work during the next eight years, so that when the Quadri Centennial arrives we shall be able to express our appreciation of this great initial event of Protestantism in a substantial manner.

This event will afford the opportunity to our generation to bring to public notice the principles on which our Church is founded, and which branch out into every department of education, art, and thought.

Does it not become the Lutheran Church in America to acquaint her own

people, and to direct the attention of the American public to the fundamental principles of liberty and law, of faith and life, of progress and conservatism which underlie the best life in this nation, and which are found in the history and doctrines of the Church of the Conservative Reformation? The fundamental principles of the Reformation at the root of our civilization and our religion should awaken universal interest. The outlook and operations of the whole Church should be enlarged by the inspiration of this event, in its work in Missions, Church Extension, Education, and Publication. A total sum, say of two million dollars, should be set as the mark to be aimed at in a Memorial Fund, and the amounts to be received by each cause should be apportioned long in advance.

Conferences, Synods, and the Council itself should be stirred to greater loyalty to their own history, and to Reformation principles, more energy should be put forth to meet the intellectual needs of the age, so that, once again, the trumpet call of Lutheranism may sound like a clarion, and draw the hosts of the Lord, from the North and from the South, in battle array, to stand against the foes of the Lord.

MUHLENBERG BI-CENTENNIAL.

Two years hence, during this week in which the General Council meets, we shall be celebrating the Bi-Centennial of the birth of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, the founder of the first Lutheran Synod of North America, the first organizer of the general work of the Church in this land, the one who, with several predecessors, established the Church on the Confessional basis which is that of the General Council to-day, and gave the American Church her constitutional life and her order of service.

He was the first man to bring the Swedes, the Germans, and the Dutch, into touch with each other, and to rescue our beloved Church in this land from the perils of individualism with which it was threatened before, during, and after his day. Sound doctrine and fervent piety, enthusiasm and extraordinary administrative ability, a willingness to do large things for the future on small means, and to spend and be spent for the sake of establishing the Church worthily and permanently distinguish this man of imperishable memory. The General Council should recognize this Bi-Centennial of the Patriarch of the Lutheran Church in America, the one first to lay the foundations of the faith in our sense.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.

Since the last meeting of the General Council the International Conference has adopted a policy which is in conflict with the "Four Points" of the General Council. The two members of the Executive Committee from America, Dr. Spaeth and the President of the General Council, sent a protest to Europe against this fundamental change of principle, but it did not avail.

The result in Germany was the formation of another body called "Der Lutherische Bund." The General Council would be unfaithful to its prin-

ciples and its past if it simply continued, without further protest or withdrawal, in the membership of the International Conference.

On January 11, 1909, Dr. Spaeth, chairman of the Committee on "The Relation of the General Council to the International Conference," wrote me that there is dissatisfaction in Europe because the General Council had not paid its annual contribution of $25 a year, since 1905. Said Dr. Spaeth, "Whatever the relation of the General Council to the General Conference shall be in the future, this is undoubtedly a debt of honor. We ought to pay this sum in order to keep our reputation untarnished in the eyes of the European members of that Body." I approved an order and the money was paid.

PART II.

THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL.

INNER MISSION WORK.

It has long seemed desirable to the writer that the General Council should take a comprehensive rather than a scattered view of the Inner Mission work committed to it. To this end, similar reports should be grouped and properly related to each other, so that the survey of each part will follow as actually given in the Minutes. Such unity has already been attained in our Foreign and Home work. We suggest having all reports of single institutions that bear upon the Inner Mission work, and of Inner Mission agencies, sent in advance to our standing committee on Inner Missions, who shall properly group and arrange them, and tabulate the results, and bring in a report on the Inner Mission work of the General Council in North America as a whole.

This would include reports of immigrant work, deaconess institutions, hospital work, seamen's missions, etc., settlement work, orphans, asylum and educational work, etc. At present these reports are scattered through our Minutes, and there is no opportunity for a view of the work as a whole.

OUR HOME MISSION WORK AND THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Last winter I received a communication from the Secretary of the English Home Mission Board that the Board was ready to organize an English Synod in Canada, but that the General Synod was preparing to enter its field, and requesting that the matter be arbitrated with the General Synod. This led to voluminous correspondence between the Secretary of the Home Mission Board and myself, and to communication with the President of the Home Mission Board, and finally to an appeal by the officers of the Home Mission Board to me to request the President of the General Synod to have the Canada issue arbitrated by the joint commmission.

It was said that the representatives of both Mission Boards would agree to arbitration. I at once called up the President of the General Synod by

telephone, and he agreed to have the joint commission arbitrate, and to notify his committee, but subsequently he reversed his consent on the ground that there was nothing to arbitrate. Meantime I appointed our Committee of Arbitration. Nothing further has been heard by me as to this request of the Home Mission Board.

This was all that it was possible for me to report on my relation to the Home Mission matter. But one week ago, whilst I was preparing to start for Minneapolis, and after the Official Visitor to the General Synod had already left for Minneapolis, I received a letter from the Secretary of the General Synod, inclosing two Reports of the General Synod, which the General Synod in June ordered to be transmitted to the General Council through myself, and which are submitted to you herewith.

This action of the General Synod sent to me supports the contention of the Home Mission Board of the General Synod with regard to the matter in Canada, viz., that the General Council has no Committee of Arbitration, and that, even if it had, "There is nothing to arbitrate."

The General Synod further declares that it regards its Board's interpretation of the Agreement and Rule of 1895 and 1897 as entirely correct, viz., that the Rule means, "That when a village, or town, or small city, or community, has been occupied by one of the General Bodies, by the organization of one or more congregations, so as not to leave room for an additional congregation or another General Body without serious conflict or interference, neither of the other General Bodies should enter such a field, and further that even where there might be room and material for another organization, it should not be so located as to overlap the natural parish bounds of congregations already in existence, nor unnecessarily interfere with their work, thus setting up altar against altar."

The General Synod also takes the position "That until some overt act against the terms of the Agreement between the three General Bodies has been committed by the representatives of the one of them [that is, until the mischief has actually been done] there could be nothing to complain of, nor arbitrate."

The Report concludes, however, with the statement that "In case the representatives of the General Council will not accept our interpretation of the Agreement and Rule of Co-operation of 1895 and 1897, as given above, your committee be authorized to meet with similar committees from the General Synod and the United Synod in the South and endeavor to secure an authoritative and final interpretation of said Agreement and Rules which shall be mutually satisfactory."

Thus the Home Mission Board of the General Synod, the President of the General Synod, and the General Synod has, during the last two years, refused the overtures of the General Council to arbitrate in the first important case referred to the commission since the meeting of the General Conference, and on the first great issue of principle that has really presented itself; on the ground that there was nothing to arbitrate; although

the final clause of the General Synod's own action reveals the importance of this matter, and that there is everything to arbitrate.

The very principle which the General Synod has considered and decided by and for itself, and to which it renders the decision in this communication to the General Council, is the essence of the matter on which not only one, but both parties have a right to be heard, and which it will be necessary to decide by arbitration, if there is to be any co-operation whatsoever between these two bodies in the future.

When one nation makes complaint respecting another, even if the complaint be unjust, the other nation, unless it leans to belligerence, will, in this enlightened day, at least permit the arbitrators to sit in a preliminary way and *inquire together whether there is* anything to arbitrate. When the nation complained of refuses all overtures to arbitrate, it means war.

And we are glad that the General Synod has really agreed to meet with our committee on arbitration, to endeavor to secure a final interpretation of the said Agreement and Rules which shall be mutually satisfactory.

A broad spirit of mutual and helpful co-operation cannot afford to fall back upon a technicality such as the apparent non-appointment of a committee, a technicality in this instance erroneous as a matter of fact.

I recommend the re-appointment of last winter's Committee of Arbitration, with such changes in personnel as may seem desirable, to meet with a similar committee from the General Synod, and to endeavor to secure an authoritative and final interpretation of the principle at stake.

In reply to the allegation made by the General Synod that the General Council failed to appoint a Committee on Arbitration, on which supposed failure it rests its cause and action, let me say the following:

The power of appointment of our committees is, by the Constitution, expressly lodged in the President of the Council, unless the Council otherwise direct, and it is not necessary that the President appoint a committee during the session of the Council, but he can, and he has, in the regular course of business, reserved the appointment of various committees to the interim. Such reservation, for good and sufficient internal reasons, which the President is willing, as a favor, to explain to any member of the Council or of the General Synod, was made in the case of this particular committee; but the committee was subsequently appointed in regular order, and in time for the first service for which it was needed. The President of the General Council respectfully submits that credentials of a committee, duly and officially signed, and offered, are the evidence on which an outside body is to base its conclusion as to whether any given committee really and legally exists or not; and that it would be out of order for a body outside of the Council to decide from a copy of the Council's Printed Minutes, which may or may not be a complete official record of its transactions, and which in this instance in no wise determines the constitutionality of the appointment of committees, rather than from official communications from those in authority, whether or not any organ of the Council

is in actual existence. Any self-existing body has the right to make its appointments as it sees fit, and to record its appointments as it may desire.

In this particular instance it is important to note that the joint committee of which our committee was a part had held no meeting whatsoever during the previous biennium, and had had no business of arbitration to come before it within the last decade.

RUSSIAN IMMIGRANTS.

At the request of the President of the New York Ministerium and the suggestion of some pastors in Russia, I signed a circular letter which is to circulate among Lutherans and Evangelical Protestants in Russia intending to migrate, giving them counsel and advice, especially with reference to our General Council Emigrant House in New York.

COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION.

On March 2, 1909, I received a telegram from the Representative of our Emigrant Mission House in New York, urging that if not inconsistent with my position as President of the General Council, I use my influence with the Senate of the United States to have Robert Watchorn confirmed as commissioner of immigration. Though against my principles as President of the General Council, I used my influence in the manner suggested, and to no account.

THE GERMAN WORK OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL AND KROPP.

I draw attention to the element of hopefulness and the spirit of unity which have entered into the German work of the General Council, and to the period of constructive development into which the German Church may be able to enter, for the ultimate benefit of the whole General Council Church, if the Council will support and strengthen their hands.

For the first time in a generation our Germans are thoroughly united in sentiment, purpose and plan, and this in harmony with the work that obtains in the English and Scandinavian parts of the Council. This situation is largely the result of the German Conference held last Fall at Rochester and opened with a sermon by Dr. Spaeth on I Cor. 1:10.

The Conference asks the General Council to found a German official organ, which they will support, commends the work of Wagner College and recommends that the General Council enter into official relation with the Theological Seminary in Kropp, Germany. In addition to this, the New York Ministerium has elected Dr. H. Offermann, a graduate of Kropp, and a member of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, as its Professor in the Theological Seminary. The Council has a rare opportunity before it of setting forward a work which otherwise may never be accomplished.

A COMMUNICATION FROM KROPP.

On September 1st I received a formal communication from the institution at Kropp, signed by the President and Secretary at Kiel on August 19, and forwarded to me through Dr. Berkemeier, the German Secretary of our General Council, in which Kropp wishes the General Council a

blessed assembly at Minneapolis, and states that it has heard that the question of educating young men for the German ministry and of Kropp itself has come to their knowledge.

It states that Kropp has been in the work of preparing young men for the ministry of the Word for thirty years, and has sent many ministers into the General Council. It makes certain propositions concerning its proposed connection with the General Council, and asks that they be earnestly examined. The communication is submitted herewith.

A LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE.

On August 13th I received the following resolution from Mr. A. C. Albrecht. of Philadelphia, secretary of a number of lay delegates to the present meeting of the General Council, who are anxious to promote the work of the Council in a practical way. The resolution reads:

"We hereby request permission from the General Council, through its President, to hold a Laymen's Conference for the purpose of furthering such parts of the work of the Council, especially the financial work, as we feel ourselves fitted to organize and deal with it,—it being understood that we are merely a Committee of the Council and not capable of taking any action on any matter, except in the way of recommending and presenting it in a report to the Council; and it being further understood that we will not use the proposed Conference as a Caucus for the purpose of gaining any votes of any proposed measures which are to be discussed and acted on in the Council."

Taking the German Conference, which has been very successful, as a precedent, I gave the desired permission, and the Laymen's meeting will be held on September 10th at 4.30 p. m.

GENERAL COUNCIL MINISTERIAL PENSION FUND.

I direct attention to the plan of a General Council Ministerial Pension Fund, as it is to be presented to the Council by the Pittsburgh Synod. It is self-evident that with the more vigorous prosecution of Mission work by our General Council, with the sacrifice that is being made by many of our ministers, who have no prospect whatever for any financial provision for themselves during old age with its disablements, that such a Fund would not only be a stimulus and an encouragement to our men to give all their strength to the Lord and His Church in their days of vigor; but is a most needful act of love toward those who are of the household of faith.

The fact that this love is connected with a system, for its guidance and for the administration of its gifts, is not against, but is in accordance with the New Testament teaching as to charity.

The Pittsburgh Synod recommends that a committee be appointed at this session to report on the advisability of inaugurating such a Fund, and that if the committee report favorably, a Standing Committee be appointed at once with authority to employ a financial agent, and to devise plans for the

government and maintenance of such a Fund, the said Fund to remain untouched until a Fund of at least one hundred thousand dollars be secured. It is understood that there are laymen who are ready to make subscriptions to such a Fund if the matter be inaugurated in a proper way.

PUBLICATIONS.

One of the historic writers of our Church, and a former Secretary of the General Council, has written a complete, accurate, and excellent history of the General Council, during the first forty years of its existence. The manuscript has been ready for print since last fall, and there seems to be no question but that this standard work, which closes the first forty years of our history, should be published as early as possible. I would suggest that a committee be appointed to examine it, and that they have the authority to request our Board of Publication to issue it at as early a date as possible.

STATISTICAL YEAR BOOK OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

For some years now I have recommended the publication of a complete statistical year book of the activities of the General Council, or, if it be possible, to secure the co-operation of the whole Lutheran Church in America, to publish a Year Book containing the statistics for the whole Lutheran Church.

In corresponding with the Rev. Dr. S. E. Ochsenford, he has furnished me with the following proposed outline of contents:

STATISTICAL YEAR BOOK OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

Officers, Boards, and Committees of the General Council.
Officers, Boards, and Committees of District Synods.
Parochial Statistics of each Synod, as complete as the Minutes furnish data.
Missions of the General Council—English, German, Swedish.
Statistics by States and Languages, if possible.
Educational Institutions—
- Theological Seminaries.
- Colleges.
- Academies.

The Inner Missions of the Church.
Publications—
- Sunday-school Publications in a separate group.
- Other Publications.

Clerical Register—
- Alphabetical, by name.
- Alphabetical, by State and P. O. Address.
- Alphabetical List of Congregations, according to location.

A PETITION.

On September 1st I received a petition from the members of the American Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Rajahmundry, addressed to the President of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America, which is submitted herewith. I am ready to read it, but believe the wiser course would be to follow the regular procedure and commit it to a committee for examination.

COMMISSIONERS TO INDIA.

After extended correspondence through the Fall, Winter and Spring of 1907 and 1908, it was the Summer of 1908 before I was able to approve the names of two commissioners to India in the persons of Prof. C. W. Foss and Dr. C. T. Benze. The

commissioners sailed under the appointment of the General Council and the instructions of the Foreign Mission Board, and will doubtless be prepared to report to the Council.

INCORPORATION OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

It is a matter of congratulation to the General Council that the Foreign Mission Board has decided to ask permission to be incorporated, and thus relieve both it and the Council of the indirect and awkward method of holding all its property through the Trustees. The Council and the Foreign Mission Board should see that the new charter to be obtained contain a clause by which the property is to be held in trust for the General Council, the same as it is now held in trust for the General Council, by the Trustees of the Council, and that all the work of the new corporation shall be on the basis of the Principles of Faith and Church Polity of the General Council, and that all the property transferred shall be for work done on this basis.

It is a question whether it would not be advisable to submit the proposed form of Charter to the next meeting of the General Council before incorporation takes place.

PART III.

LOSSES OF MEN, AND PERSONAL MENTION.

One of the most serious of the losses that has befallen the General Council, is the death of the Rev. Dr. S. P. A. Lindahl, of Rock Island. Dr. Lindahl was for many years an influential leader of the General Council, a man of wisdom and judgment, rather than of word, and one to whose constructive ability the Council itself owes a great deal. He was a member of many Boards and Committees, was the editor-in-chief of the "Augustana," the large and widely-read weekly organ of the Augustana Synod, in which office he is succeeded by Dr. L. G. Abrahamson. The General Council will seriously miss the benefit of his advice.

The General Council suffers a great loss in the death of the Rev. Dr. C. A. Evald, whose first call to the ministry was from the Augustana Church in this city of Minneapolis, who was ordained at Galesburg, in 1872, who, in 1875, succeeded his father-in-law in Immanuel Church, Chicago, and whose wife is widely known in the Foreign Mission work of the General Council. Dr. Evald was one of the delegates regularly sent by his Synod to the General Council, and presided at the historic meeting of the Council in the old Trappe Church during the Norristown session in 1903. Dr. Evald was Secretary of the Board of Augustana Hospital, a director in the Chicago Seminary, and held many other offices.

Charles A. Fondersmith, one of the most active and deeply interested laymen in the work of the General Council, died at his home at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, last April. He was a member of the Home Mission Board of the General Council, was deeply interested in our Foreign Mission work, was a member of the committee that advised the sending of commissioners to India, a member of the Board in the Philadelphia Seminary and in Muhlenberg College, and was Chairman of the recently appointed Finance Committee of the General Council. Mr. Fondersmith's devotion, activity, fearlessness, financial judgment, and willingness to undertake and support large enterprises were notable, and his loss will therefore be seriously felt in our midst.

Among other valuable men whom the General Council has lost during the past two years are Thomas H. Lane, C. Albert Sandt, Wesley W. Wattles, E. A. Thompson, S. H. Swingle, the oldest member of the Pittsburgh Synod, and Gustav F. Speckel, of New York. Thomas H. Lane was connected with the First English Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh from his boyhood, and one of its most active and honored members until the end of his life. He and Mr. George Black made it possible for Dr. Krauth to have his work on the "Conservative Reformation" electrotyped by paying the cost of the plates. He had a large library, containing many standard Lutheran books selected by Dr. Krauth. He rendered valuable service in the Pittsburgh Synod and was one of the founders of the General Council.

We desire also to chronicle the indisposition of Dr. S. Laird, one of the Founders of the General Council, the President of the Home Mission Board, a pillar amongst us of dignity and strength. Dr. Laird's last address before the Council was on the occasion of its Fortieth Anniversary at Buffalo, and those who heard him will never forget the whole-souled earnestness with which he portrayed his convictions of the years gone by. We ask the Lord to sustain him in this time of heavy affliction.

We note with great sorrow the prolonged and serious indisposition of one of our younger and more active members, the Rev. Franklin Fry, of Rochester, N. Y., the chairman of the special committee on Porto Rico matters at Buffalo two years ago. We pray for a speedy restoration to health of this gifted and useful worker.

We rejoice in the safe return into our midst, with renewed vigor, after a summer in the Fatherland, of our Prof. Dr. A. Spaeth, who has always been indispensable in the work of the Council, and whose health has been benefited by his sojourn abroad.

During the past year the Rev. George W. Mechling, D.D., the Nestor of our District Synod of Ohio, and one of the staunchest of the founders of the General Council, formerly its English Secretary, has celebrated his Golden Jubilee. The District Synod of Ohio signalized this occasion by taking appropriate action, and the General Council, in which Dr. Mechling has always been an active and solid factor, congratulates him most heartily on the attainment of this period, and recognizes the value of the services which he has given to our beloved Church. In clear logical judgment, in capacity for the investigation of details, and in defending the principles of the Church, Dr. Mechling has had few equals. In this connection we might also mention that the oldest organized congregation in southwestern Ohio, Emmanuel's Church, Germantown, the Rev. A. F. Sicbert, D.D., pastor, celebrated its centennial Anniversary last July.

PART IV.

INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION.

SYSTEMATIZING THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL.

I draw attention to the fact that at any biennial session of the General Council, we have only twenty-seven hours for actual work. During these twenty-seven hours it is necessary for nine Boards (including the Trustees as one of the boards) and fourteen important Standing Committees to report. This is in addition to the work of organization, the report of officers and committees, and all new business that may be introduced.

If the nine Boards should consume two hours each in making their reports, and the twelve Standing Committees should each take up one hour, the whole time of the Council would be more than consumed, and there would not be any opportunity even to present important business referred to the Council by the various Synods, nor any time to discuss those fundamental principles of doctrine, polity and worship, which it is most important to keep alive in our midst.

I would therefore suggest whether it would not be wise for the Council to pass a standing resolution that no Board or Committee of the Council be given more than two hours' time in the regular order of business; and that, when its measure of time has expired, except upon three-fourths vote, the business of the Board or Committee which has exhausted its time shall go over until after the remaining Boards and important Standing Committees have been allowed their period, when consideration of it shall be resumed prior to the introduction of any new business, for another period not exceeding two hours. Action such as this would also serve to cut off debate upon

matters of secondary importance, and would aid in removing the consideration of details from the floor and their reference to a proper Committee.

It is a recognized rule in bodies such as the General Council that Reports of the Boards, and the committees in charge of its business, belong to the body itself, and not to the committee, and that directions as to the disposition of the Report inhere in the body. Since, in some instances, committees have been handing their reports directly to the Board of Publication, which is practically the printing committee of the Council, instead of transmitting them to the English Recording Secretary of the Council, who thus finds himself in possession of a large assortment of matter in type intended for the Minutes, in the selection of whose form he has had no control, I make the following recommendation:

That hereafter Reports of Committees and Boards, intended for presentation to the General Council and for ultimate insertion in its Minutes, be sent for printing to the English Recording Secretary of the Council, who shall have them printed, when necessary in consultation with the committee or the Board, before the convening of the Council.

As it is not possible to begin the translation of the German Minutes of the General Council until after the English Minutes are in print, and as the German Minutes do not appear for a year after the Convention, I would suggest the printing of an interesting sixteen or twenty-four page leaflet in German promptly at the close of the meeting of the General Council, which shall contain the important facts of the Convention, together with a complete and exact record of the action taken, the same to be furnished free for distribution in such quantities as German pastors may apply for, and to be enclosed with a copy of the English Minutes to all our German pastors. This would furnish our German pastors information and statistics promptly, would unify our method, and would save great expense.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIAL VISITORS.

Inasmuch as the appointment of Official Visitors to other Church bodies should not be made on the spur of the moment, but with due consideration of the business that is to be brought before each body in question, and of the distance that needs to be traveled by any particular member of the Council in order to reach the place of meeting of the body to which the Visitor is sent, it is recommended that hereafter Official Visitors be nominated by a Nominating Committee of the Council, and be regularly elected; and that motions nominating any individual as an Official Visitor be referred by this rule to the Committee on Nominations.

AN ALLEGED CLAIM.

A claim against the General Council, whose existence is denied, has been placed by me in the hands of Judge Staake, a member of the Executive Commmittee. A statement of the case will be made to the Committee on President's Report.

APPOINTMENTS.

On May 8, 1908, I appointed Prof. C. M. Esbjorn, Ph.D., of New Haven, Connecticut, as an additional member from the Augustana Synod, of the Church Book Committee.

During the Interim, and before the Minutes were printed, I appointed the following Committee on General Council Treasury:

Mr. Charles A. Fondersmith, Chairman, Farmers' National Bank, Lancaster, Pa.

Mr. Charles B. Opp, Philadelphia.

D. D. Fritch, M.D., Macungie, Pa.

Mr. Frank C. Hemsing, Milwaukee, Wis.

Oren J. Waters, M.D., Chicago.

Among the appointments that were to be made by the President, and that were held over for subsequent consideration at the close of the last session, was that of a Joint Commission on Practical Cooperation and Arbitration. There were certain difficulties and complications connected with the appointment of this committee, including the death of two of its former members and the apparent inability to secure the presence of more than two others. As time was necessary for its reconstruction, and as the committee presented no written report at the last meeting of the Council, and as the Joint Commission had not met in session since the spring of 1905, and at Buffalo it was reported verbally that the Joint Commission had not met at all during the previous biennium, and that there seemed to be nothing for them to do; and as it was highly important to secure a more compact committee which would actually be able to attend meetings, and for other reasons, the appointment of the committee was deferred until last winter, when I commissioned Dr. S. Laird, Rev. W. D. C. Keiter and Rev. I. Chantry Hoffman as the committee to act in this capacity.

COMMUNICATIONS.

I have been the recipient of an extended correspondence praying that the General Council appoint a committee of competent English pastors familiar with the standard and good music of our Church who shall ascertain whether it is practicable to prepare the manuscript of a Church Book Hymnal with tunes; and, if so, shall have authority to request the Publication House to print and sell this trial book, the same to be subject to the final approval of the next General Council and to be known as "The Church Book Hymnal."

On November 13th, 1908, I received a letter from the Rev. C. L. Boecele, pastor of St. James' German Church, of Altoona, stating that George Michael Lang had made a bequest of $200 to our Foreign Mission cause, and giving certain information in reference thereto. I transmitted the letter to Dr. E. T. Horn, President of the Foreign Mission Board, and the Trustees of the General Council subsequently appointed Rev. Boecele to represent the Council in its claim. The papers are submitted.

On May 1st, 1909, I appointed the Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch, of Buffalo, as the official representative of the Council and its Trustees and the Foreign Mission Board with power to act on its behalf in the matter of the Sophia Jetter, deceased, legacy, and subsequently, at the request of the attorney of the Foreign Board, I authorized an attorney in Rochester, New York, to appear in court in behalf of this claim.

I have received a communication from Rev. G. H. Fuhr, pastor of the Parkersburg charge, and one from the Rev. J. Steik, which I refer to the Committees on this Report.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE E. SCHMAUK, *President.*

The report was received, and referred to the following committees on the President's Report:

I. *On General Relations, Doctrine and Life*—The Revs. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., M. C. Ranseen, D.D., G. W. Mechling, D.D., A. Steimle and E. F. Bachmann, Hon. C. R. Lantz, Prof. Frank Nelson and Hon. C. G. Schultz.

II. *On General Council Work*—Revs. W. D. C. Keiter, G. W. Mechling, D.D., J. A. Krantz, D.D., G. C. F. Haas, D.D., J. L. Becker, Jas. F. Lambert, S. A. Ziegenfuss, D.D., Prof. J. P. Uhler, Ph.D., and H. R. Erdmann, Hon. C. R. Lantz, and Messrs. F. Bittner and C. B. Opp.

III. *On Losses*—The Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D.D., E. Belfour, D.D., L. D. Reed, A. J. D. Haupt, D.D., and Mr. James G. Finley.

IV. *On Internal Administration*—The Revs. S. G. Weiskotten, D.D., W. A. Beates, E. C. J. Kraeling, A. D. Crile, M. E. Haberland, D. D. Fritch, M.D., and Mr. Chas. W. Fuhr.

At the Fourth Session Dr. Whitteker presented the action on the President's Report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

PART I. ON GENERAL RELATIONS, DOCTRINE, AND LIFE.

Your Committee on that portion of the President's Report, referring to General Relations, would submit the following:

1. *Conference.* We approve of the President's position as to the World Conference and the Federal Council.

2. *Census.* We rejoice in the percentage of increase of Lutheran membership in this country, and trust that these figures will prove a further incentive to our Synods to cover the entire territory within their bounds, and to our Mission Boards to work as rapidly as possible in the furtherance of plans to consummate it.

3. *Education.* We recommend: (a) That the General Council take steps toward the establishment of Lutheran Hospices, the appointment of student pastors, and the constitution of such other agencies as may prove adequate to meet the social and religious needs of Lutheran students in secular universities; and that this work be assigned to the Board, or Boards, which are best equipped and qualified to make it effective.

(b) That in view of the larger outlook along educational lines, the Committee on Education be discharged and a Board of Education be constituted in its place.

(c) That a special committee be appointed to define the province of this Board and report to this convention.

4. *Reformation Jubilee.* In reference to the Reformation Jubilee we recommend:

(a) That the General Council respond to the strong appeal of the President in reference to the coming Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation, by the adoption of his recommendation that a Memorial Fund of two million dollars be raised for our educational, missionary and benevolent causes.

b) That a Standing Committee be appointed which shall devise ways and means to raise this fund, and report to the next convention of the General Council.

(c) That this Committee shall likewise present a plan for the equitable distribution of the moneys raised, among the institutions and Boards represented in the General Council.

(d) That the Committee shall bring this subject to the notice of the various Synods, point out the great opportunity the event offers us to familiarize our people with the glorious history, precious heritage, and boundless possibilities of our Church in this country, and thus arouse them to a sense of serious responsibility to and enthusiastic support of our expanding work.

(e) That this Committee shall confer with the Board of Publication concerning appropriate literature on the subject of our principles and history, and report to the next Convention plans for its publication.

(f) That the same Committee shall report, two years hence, further plans for the worthy celebration of this event.

5. *Muhlenberg Bi-Centennial.* In view of the coming Bi-Centennial of Muhlenberg's birth, we recommend:

(a) That the event be signalized at the next meeting of the General Council by a commemorative service.

(b) That the Publication Board be empowered to issue such literature on this subject as shall popularize the event and thus supplement the books that have already been issued on the life of our Lutheran Patriarch in America.

(c) That pastors and congregations be requested to hold a commemorative service and take an offering on the Sunday nearest Muhlenberg's birth or landing, the same to be distributed for educational purposes, pro rata, according to the sources from which the amounts shall have come.

6. *International Conference.* We recommend that the two members of the Executive Committee for America, the President of the General Council, and the Rev. Prof. Dr. Spaeth, together with the President of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, the President of the Ministerium of New York, and the President of the Augustana Synod, be constituted a committee to consider the question of our present relations to the International Conference and to recommend, two years hence, such further action in the matter as shall be in accord with the fundamental principles of the General Council.

7. *Communication of General Synod.* Relative to the mission arrangement with the General Synod, we approve of the course of the President of the General Council, and recognize his constitutional right to appoint, during the interim, any committee authorized by the Council.

We recommend, that the General Council declare the principle in question to be the protection of every territory, entered on by either body, from the establishment of rival Synods and the consequent duplication of the unhappy conditions of competition which obtain in many historic portions

of the East. We maintain, therefore, that the original understanding assigned whole States, and not single cities, to each of the parties, and the mission history of the two bodies since the mission arrangement was made, is uniform evidence of that fact. We are convinced, however, that a spirit of love and our arrangement with the General Synod in the past, demand the consideration of this question in fraternal conference; and we stand ready to submit it to a Joint Commission, whose rights to exist and to sit shall be determined by the regularity of the official credentials which they are able to present.

(b) We further recommend that the first meeting of this Joint Commission be called by agreement of the President of the General Synod and the President of the General Council.

(c) We recommend that this entire action be communicated to the General Synod.

8. *Church Book with Music.* We recommend that a Committee of five clergymen of musical training and three Lutheran organists serving General Council congregations, be appointed to see whether it is practicable to compile standard music for a Hymnal. Inasmuch, however, as resolutions have been presented to this Convention, to be considered on Tuesday morning, looking to the final adoption, at the next convention, of a Common Hymnal with a musical setting, we suggest that action on this matter be deferred until the Council shall have disposed of the resolutions in question.

J. E. WHITTEKER, *Chairman.*

Under Item 3 the President appointed the following Committee on the Organization of Student and Educational Work: The Revs. A. D. Crile, H. E. Jacobs, D.D., G. W. Sandt, D.D., M. C. Ranseen, D.D., L. G. Abrahamson, D.D., A. J. Reichert, F. C. Oberly, J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., W. A. Beates, P. Peterson, A. Ramsey, D.D., C. M. Jacobs, H. R. Gold, C. Christenson and Prof. O. F. Bert. For Report see Sixth Session.

Item 6 was referred to the Committee on International Conference; the report was then adopted by items and as a whole.

In the Fourth Session the Rev. Mr. Keiter presented the report of the committee

PART II. ON GENERAL COUNCIL WORK.

Your Committee begs leave to present the following resolutions as proposed action of the General Council on matters referred to it for consideration.

I. That we endorse the suggestions contained in the President's Report concerning the desirability of securing a comprehensive view of Inner Mission work as it is carried on by the General Council. To this end we recommend:

1. That the Committee on Inner Mission Work be charged with proposing a report which shall include in itself the statistics of all the Inner Mission institutions and agencies within the General Council.

2. We recommend that all Inner Mission agencies and institutions of the General Council be charged with the duty of sending their reports sufficiently in advance to the chairman of the Committee on Inner Mission Work to enable him to tabulate and complete his report.

3. We recommend as a standing rule that when the report of Inner Mission work of the General Council is presented to the Council, such representatives of institutions and Inner Mission agencies as may be present at the Council be given the privilege of the floor in the order of the presentation of the report of the institutions with which they are connected, to emphasize such items in the report as may be deemed desirable.

II. We approve of the action of the President as to the circular letter to Russian Immigrants, and as to the holding of a Laymen's Conference.

III. Your Committee rejoices to learn that the time has come when it may be possible to establish a German Organ of this Council, and also to enter into practical relations with the institution at Kropp, but, as the German Conference is prepared to present this whole subject, your Committee has nothing to propose.

IV. Concerning the matter of establishing a Ministerial Pension Fund, your committee approves of the principle and recommends that a Committee be at once appointed which shall formulate a plan for the establishment of such a fund in line with suggestions contained on the President's Report and present the same, if possible, at this meeting of the General Council.

V. We recommend the appointment of a Committee to examine a history of the General Council, now in manuscript form, written by a former secretary of the General Council, and if the same be found worthy, accurate and complete, to authorize the publication of the book at once by the General Council Publication Board.

VI. Regarding the petition of five persons claiming to be members of the American Evangelical Lutheran Mission at Rajahmundry, your Committee respectfully recommends, that the whole matter be referred to the Board of Foreign Missions with a recommendation that it receive serious consideration.

VII. We endorse the view of the President when he says: "Inasmuch as the appointment of Official Visitors to other Church Bodies should not be made on the spur of the moment, but with due consideration of the business that is to be brought before the body in question," etc., we recommend:

That hereafter Official Visitors be nominated by the Nominating Committee of the Council, and be regularly elected, and that motions nominating any individual as an Official Visitor be referred by this rule to the Committee on Nominations.

VIII. We approve the course of the President of the General Council regarding an alleged claim, the existence of which claim is denied.

IX. Concerning the Petition of the Lettish Lutheran Church at Boston, praying for some back pay and an increase of salary for the Lettish Missionary, Pastor Steik, your Committee would recommend that the matter be referred to the Board of Home Missions for favorable consideration, or, in case the Lettish work be assigned to the Slav Board, that this petition be then referred to that Board for favorable consideration.

W. D. C. KEITER,
J. L. BECKER,
G. W. MECHLING,
J. A. KRANTZ,
G. C. F. HAAS,
S. A. ZIEGENFUSS,
J. F. LAMBERT,
H. R. ERDMANN,
C. B. OPP,
C. R. LANTZ,
J. P. UHLER,
FRANK BITTNER.

Item IV was referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod, and the Report was adopted as a whole.

PART III. ON LOSSES BY DEATH.

The Committee appointed to present a report on the losses of the Council during the past two years, by death, hereby recommends that the utterances of the President on this subject in his Report be accepted and approved as an appropriate expression of the feeling and sentiment of this Council.

EDMUND BELFOUR,
A. J. D. HAUPT,
LUTHER D. REED,
JAMES G. FINLEY.

The Report was adopted.

The Rev. M. E. Haberland presented the report of the Committee on

PART IV. ON INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION.

1. We recommend that the item on Statistical Year Book be adopted, and the publishing of the Year Book be referred to the Publication Board with power to act.

2. That in the matter of all Reports submitted to the Council, we recommend that the consideration of undigested details be referred, as far as possible, to special committees, which shall first put them in proper form before they come to discussion upon the floor.

3. We recommend the passage of a rule, that, in the order of business, two hours' time be the maximum allowed for any Board or Standing Committee to present and consider its business, unless the rule be suspended by a three-fourths vote; and that the presentation or consideration of the business of the Board or Committee in question still unfinished shall go over until after the remaining Boards and important Standing Committees have been heard, when consideration of it shall be resumed prior to the introduction of any new business, for another period not exceeding two hours.

4. *Resolved,* That hereafter reports of Committees and Boards intended for presentation to the General Council and for ultimate insertion into its Minutes be sent to the English Recording Secretary of the Council, who shall have them printed, when necessary, in consultation with the Committee or Board in question before the opening of Council.

5. *Resolved,* That the Minutes of the General Council, to be printed and distributed throughout its membership, hereafter be what are now known as the English Minutes of the Council, and that what are now known as the German Minutes of the Council be no longer printed.

6. *Resolved,* That it be the duty of the German, Swedish and English Recording Secretaries to prepare, promptly at the close of the meeting of the General Council, an interesting sixteen or twenty-four page leaflet, one in each language, which shall contain the important facts of the convention, together with a complete and exact record of the action taken, to be furnished free for distribution in such quantities as pastors may apply for.

7. We recommend that all Official Visitors be nominated by the Nominating Committee of the Council, and that hereafter a rubric be placed in the regular order of business entitled, "Instructions to Official Visitors," and that such instructions, when given by the Council, be duly signed by the President and the Secretary, and forwarded by the President to the Visitor appointed to represent the Council.

8. We recommend that the action of the President in making the appointments during this interim be approved.

9. Inasmuch as the first constitutional act of the General Council was to declare that its principles of Doctrine and Polity are fundamental and unchangable, and as, after a historical development of forty years, we still feel such to be the case; and inasmuch as the Constitution of the General Council declares, in characterizing the polity underlying our Church organization, that "the leading objects for which Synods should be organized are: (1) The maintenance and diffusion of sound doctrine, as the same is taught in God's Word and confessed in the authorized standards of the Church; (2) The decision of controversies in regard to Articles of Faith in accordance with God's Word and the pure confessions of that Word," and further declares, "All these things are to be done . . . that all unsoundness in Faith and Life may be averted";

And inasmuch as the first of the Powers and Duties which the General Council itself possesses is to "guard the purity of the Faith and the right administration of the Sacraments";

And inasmuch as, further, only those Synods which ratify the Fundamental Articles of Faith and Church Polity can become members of the General Council; and as the Constitution of the Council declares, "The Fundamental Articles of Faith and Church Polity shall not be changed."

And inasmuch as the proposed incorporation of the Board of Foreign Missions will carry with it the ownership and administration of large properties which the General Council has accumulated, and the administration of great fields which are in foreign lands, and which have been

created for the purpose of carrying out and extending the principles of the General Council, it is hereby

Resolved, That the Foreign Board be directed to insert in its charter of incorporation a clause which shall direct that all the work of the new corporation shall be on the basis of the Principles of Faith and Church Polity of the General Council, and that all the property transferred shall be for work done on this basis; and that the Trustees of the General Council shall transfer the Mission property to the Board only after such claim has been satisfactorily inserted in the Charter of the Foreign Mission Board.

10. In order to save time now used in reading Reports in full,

Resolved, 1. That in cases where reports are printed and before the eye of the Council, itemized accounts shall not be read unless called for, but only the totals at the foot of the columns. This does not apply to the Report of the Treasurer of the General Council.

2. That in cases where reports of Standing Committees or Boards are not printed, no descriptive matter, or matter referring simply to past progress, and without looking toward a recommendation or action on the point under consideration, shall be read, unless specially called for by a majority vote of the Council.

S. G. Weiskotten,
W. A. Beates,
E. C. J. Kraeling,
A. D. Crile,
D. D. Fritch,
M. E. Haberland,
Chas. W. Fuhr.

After striking several minor recommendations, omitted from the Report, the Report was adopted as a whole; the item referring to the issuance of a pamphlet summary of General Council proceedings, by a unanimous vote.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the size of the editions of the pamphlets in the three languages be left to the President and the three Recording Secretaries and that the manuscript be submitted to the President before printing.

The Report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted, the resolution on page 309, Minutes of 1907, to make the hours of the business sessions from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. having been lost.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

I. Unfinished Business of 1907.

1.—CHURCH BOOK.

Pp. 243 259. Mission Book. See 1905, p. 175.
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P. 244. Variations in the Common Service. See 1905, pp. 168, 172.
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2.—ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

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5.—GERMAN MATTERS.

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6.—INNER MISSIONS.

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7. PUBLICATION BOARD.

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8.—THESES.

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P. 203. Principles Underlying the Differences between the General Council and the General Synod. See also footnote page 204.

9.—MISCELLANEOUS.

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P. 262. Joint Sunday-school Paper.
P. 287. Report of Official Visitor to the General Synod.
P. 313. Proposed Free Conferences with Independent Synods.
P. 310. Reports in print, and Summaries to be furnished.
P. 309. Hours for Business Session.
P. 319. "General Council Book," or Digest.
P. 164 of 1905 Uniform Statistics (Committee on Practical Co-operation.)
P. 254 of 1905. Synodical Secretaries to furnish file of Synodical Minutes.

II. Hours of Meeting.

9:00 to 12:00 a. m.

2:00 to 5:00 p. m.

III. Official Reporters.

Rev. W. L. Hunton, D.D. — Rev. G. H. Schnur.
Rev. A. D. Crile. — J. A. Alander.

IV. Order of Business.

Thursday Afternoon.

Completion of Synodical delegations and framing of credentials for presentation to the President (see By-Laws 1-3) 1:30 p. m., in the side rooms of the church.

2:00 p. m. Opening of the General Council with the Order in the Church Book. Presentation of Credentials.

Roll Call.

Application of New Synods.

Committee to examine application of new Synods.

President's Report.

Appointment of Committees on President's Report.
Report of Executive Committee.
Disposal of Report.
Reception of New Synods.
Election of Officers.
Reception of Reports from the Synods, or any other Documents intended for the General Council.
Giving Delegates from Synods the Privilege of Debate.
Giving Notice of Important Business to be brought before the General Council for its action.
Appointment of Committees on Documents and Papers Presented.
Report of Treasurer and Auditing Committee.
Report of Trustees of the General Council and their Treasurer.
Report of Finance Committee.
Report of Board of Publication.
Report of Porto Rico Mission Board.

Friday Morning.

9:10 a. m. Report of Church Book Committee. (Part One.)
10:00 a. m. Report of English Home Mission Board and of Lutheran Church Extension Society.

Friday Afternoon.

2:00 p. m. Report of Committee on President's Report.
2:15 p. m. Discussion of Theses (Inspiration).
2:45 p. m. Continuation of English Home Mission Report.
3:15 p. m. Report of Board of Foreign Missions.
4:30 p. m. Laymen's Meeting. German Conference Meeting.

Saturday Morning.

9:00 a. m. Report of Board of Foreign Missions continued.
12:00 m. Report of Board of German Home Missions.
1:00 p. m. Report of Board of Swedish Missions.
1:15 p. m. Report of Board of Slovak Missions.
Reception of Abstracts of Minutes.
New Business.

Monday Morning.

9:10 a. m. Report of Committee on Education.
9:30 a. m. Report of Committee on Sunday-school Work.
9:45 a. m. Report of Inner Mission Committee (including Reports of Committees on Deaconess Work and Committee on Jewish Mission Work).
11:00 a. m. Report of Committee to examine matters in Minutes of Synods referring to General Council.
11:15 a. m. Report of the Committee on German Conference.
New Business.

Monday Afternoon.

2:00 p. m. Report of Commissions on Arbitration and Cooperation.
2:15 p. m. Report of Committee on Laymen's Conference.
2:45 p. m. Reception of Official Visitors from other bodies.
3:15 p. m. Report of Official Visitors to other bodies.

Tuesday Morning.

9:00 a. m. to 10:30 a. m. Report of Church Book Committee. (Part Two.)
Report of Committee on International Conference.
Discussion of Matters referred to the General Council by District Synods.
Committee on Statistics.
Committee on Lutheran Church Music.
Committee on Arranging for Editorial Details of The Lutheran.
Committee on Number of Minutes.
Committee on Transportation.
Archivarius.
Unfinished Business.
New Business.

Tuesday Evening.

New Business.
Committee to Locate a General Board in Chicago.
Committee on Digest.
Appointment of Standing Committees.
Selection of place for next meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The President appointed as tellers: For President, the Revs. E. F. Bachmann and C. Christenson; for the other officers, the Revs. W. M. Rehrig, Ph.D., H. R. Erdmann, Prof. O. F. H. Bert and Prof. I. M. Anderson.

The officers were re-elected, except the Treasurer. The election of treasurer was effectd on Friday morning. The elections of the President and the Treasurer were made unanimous.

PRESIDENT.

Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., Lebanon, Pa.

RECORDING SECRETARIES.

English, Rev. William K. Frick, D.D., Milwaukee, Wis.
German, Rev. Gottlieb C. Berkemeier, D.D., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
Swedish, Rev. Lawrence A. Johnston, D.D., Moline, Ill.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

English, Rev. Frederick A. Kaehler, D.D., Buffalo, N. Y.
German, Rev. John Nicum, D.D., Rochester, N. Y.
Swedish, Rev. Alfred Appell, Galva, Ill.

TREASURER.

Hon. Charles A. Smith, Minneapolis, Minn.

The Presidents of the several Synods, excepting that from which the President is chosen, are ex-officio the Vice-Presidents of the General Council.

Pending the announcement of the results of the balloting the regular order of business was taken up.

The Rev. Dr. Haas presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RECEPTION OF NEW SYNODS.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada, organized on May 26, 1909, makes formal application for admission into the General Council. Your Committee, having examined its Constitution, finds it in harmony with the Principles of Faith and Church Polity of the General Council, and therefore respectfully recommends that the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada be received as a member of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

George C. F. Haas, *Chairman.*
H. W. Roth,
A. J. Reichert,
F. P. Mayser,
J. A. Leas,
S. G. Weiskotten,
P. J. Brodine,
A. C. Albrecht.
G. Seashore.

The Report was unanimously adopted, admitting the Synod of Central Canada, whereupon the name of the Rev. M. J. Bieber, President, was entered upon the roll.

The Secretaries presented in print the following abstracts of the various Synods as prepared by their respective Presidents. On motion it was

Resolved, That the Abstracts be received, spread upon the Minutes, and referred, with the printed Minutes of the Synods, to the Committee on Minutes of Synods.

Committee: The Revs. Gustav A. Benze, H. A. Weller, A. P. Monten, Prof. C. W. Foss, Ph.D., and Mr. C. W. Fuhr.

ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

I. The Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States.

The undersigned takes pleasure in reporting continued prosperity in the congregations and institutions connected with this venerable Ministerium.

Two regular meetings and one special were held during the past two years. The regular convention of 1908 was held in St. John's Church, Allentown, June 11-16; and that of 1909 was held in the Church of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia, June 3-8. The special session was also held in the last named church, January 7-9, 1908, at which theses on the Call to the Ministry were discussed, and resulted in the adoption, at the subsequent regular convention, of a resolution that hereafter no candidate shall be ordained until he receives a call to a specific field of labor.

The Ministerium now numbers 388 clerical members and 549 congregations, who report 146,816 confirmed members. During these two years there were eight deaths of ministers, one withdrawal, 25 were transferred to other Synods, and three names were erased from the roll.

The accessions to our congregations by confirmation and letter amounted to 21,007; and the losses by death, removal and exclusion were 12,495, leaving a net gain of 8,512 members in these two years. There are, at this time, 24 parochial schools, with 68 teachers, and 2,035 pupils; and 531 Sunday-schools, with 10,270 teachers and officers, and 93,100 scholars, connected with our churches.

Our congregations have contributed in these two years $133,088 for the benevolent work of the Ministerium within its own territory, and also a legacy of $5,000 for the Pastors' Widows' Fund; $28,984 for the English and German Home Missionary work of the General Council; $23,036 for Foreign Missions, $3,466 for Porto Rico Missions; and $17,340 for Church Extension.

The transfer of the English Missions of the Ministerium to the care of the General Council Board took place on February 1, ult., but as all details have not yet been adjusted, 59 missions continued to receive aid from the treasury of the Ministerium. Twenty students who are preparing for the ministry in the Philadelphia Seminary and at Muhlenberg College received aid from the Educational Fund. New regulations for beneficiary aid were adopted at the last convention, one of which requires withdrawal of aid from students who do not maintain a high grade of scholarship. The number of students for the ministry has decreased, the total number in the Seminary at Philadelphia during the past year being forty-six. We are glad to report, however, that the prospects for the coming year are encouraging, as the number of new applicants is as large as at any time in the history of the Seminary. The New York Ministerium has decided to fill its long-vacant professorship, and has nominated Rev. H. Offermann, D.D., as its incumbent,—and our Ministerium decided to establish a new professorship of Biblical Theology as soon as the funds can be secured.

Muhlenberg College has made several changes in its Faculty, and reports the student body as steadily increasing, and the college as advancing to a high place among institutions of its kind.

The Orphans' Home and Asylum at Germantown celebrated its 50th anniversary last spring, and has reached its highest usefulness. This year's records show there were 114 boys and 78 girls in the Home, and 16 men and 42 women in the Asylum for the Aged, making a total of 250 persons. A two-manual pipe organ has been donated and placed in the enlarged chapel.

The Orphans' Home at Topton reported 87 inmates last year, but an epidemic among the children prevented the Board of Visitors from making the usual report for 1909. Rev. J. O. Henry has recently accepted the position of Superintendent.

The Mary J. Drexel Home and Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. It reports 71 sisters, 56 deaconesses and 15 probationers at this time. Also 74 pupils in the School for Girls and an enrollment of 115 in the Kindergarten department.

The Seamen's and Immigrant Mission at the port of Philadelphia, now in charge of Rev. C. E. Metzenthin, continues its good work, and an encouraging sum has been secured toward the erection or purchase of a Seamen's Home in that city.

The Ministerium, at its last convention, caught the spirit of the Forward Movement, and greatly enlarged the amounts apportioned to its congregations for the various benevolent objects, and is considering a proposition to raise a million-dollar fund in celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Reformation, in 1917.

Special attention is called to two items in its proceedings which relate to this General Council:

1. At the convention in 1908 it was "Resolved, That this Ministerium petition the General Council to formulate a uniform plan of statistics for recommendation to its Synods."

2. At the late convention in 1909, it was "Resolved, That we ask the General Council as to the advisability of instructing its Sunday-school Work Committee to prepare a book supplementing the Graded System, setting forth the educational, missionary and eleemosynary work of the Church."

An adjourned meeting of the Ministerium will be held in Philadelphia in the early part of January next.

JACOB FRY, *President.*

II. The Ministerium of New York.

The New York Ministerium met June 25-29, 1908, in St. John's Church, Buffalo, N. Y., Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch, pastor, and June 17 to 21, 1909, in St. Paul's Church, New York, N. Y., Rev. F. H. Bosch, pastor.

In 1908 Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas was elected president, and Mr. E. Helwig treasurer; in 1909, Rev. E. A. Tappert was elected German, and Rev. Lewis Happ, English Secretary.

The Synod at present numbers 144 ministers and 118 congregations. The

number of contributing members of its congregations is 24,185. Parochial schools 28; Saturday schools, etc., 55; pupils attending, 3,654; Sunday-schools, German, 123, with 2,668 teachers and 25,771 pupils; English, 61, with 934 teachers and 10,333 pupils. Communicants, 54,841. Value of church property, $4,355,900; indebtedness, $621,474.50. Expended by congregations for beneficence, $51,989.58, an average for each communicant of $0.94 4-5. The treasurer reported in 1908, receipts for synodical purposes, $17,305.13, for General Council purposes, $3,317.38; for other benevolent objects, $13,156.12, a total of $35,728.15. In 1909 receipts for synodical purposes, $18,201.20; for General Council objects, $4,332.28; for other objects, $10,430.99, a total of $39,054.18.

At the meeting of 1908 considerable attention was devoted to Wagner College, Rochester. It was resolved to raise $6,000 by apportionment for the current expenses, and to complete the jubilee fund of $25,000 by an apportionment extending over three years. A committee was appointed to report at the next meeting on the feasibility of again nominating a professor of the Ministerium in the Mt. Airy Theological Seminary. The apportionment of $2,000 for English Home Missions and the same amount for the Porto Rico Mission was considered to exceed the ability of the Ministerium.

At the meeting of 1909 the Committee on Professorship at the Philadelphia Seminary reported favorably, and the Rev. H. Offermann, D.D., of Philadelphia, was unanimously nominated as professor.

In connection with the President's Report on the action of the German Conference, held in Rochester in September, 1908, it was resolved, that we declare ourselves willing to transfer the "Lutherische Herold" to the General Council in order to further the founding of a German organ of the Council, and the Executive Committee of the Synod was empowered to make this transfer, if desired, without payment on part of the Council.

Resolved, in regard to the striving after greater uniformity in the curriculum of Colleges, etc., that the Synod assures the Education Committee of the General Council of its co-operation.

GEO. C. F. HAAS, *President.*

III. The Pittsburgh Synod.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Convention of the Pittsburgh Synod was held in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Greenville, Pennsylvania, June 18-23, 1908. The following were elected officers of the Synod:

President—The Rev. C. Theodore Benze.

English Secretary—The Rev. D. M. Kemerer.

German Secretary—The Rev. Paul Kummer.

Treasurer—The Rev. James Q. Waters.

Missionary Superintendent—The Rev. R. G. Rosenbaum.

There were one hundred and forty-three ministers on the roll of Synod, and five were ordained at this convention.

At this meeting, the Synod resolved to raise $100,000 for Thiel College, and appointed a committee to work out a feasible plan for the raising of this money. At the same time, the Board of Trustees was requested to formulate plans for new buildings and equipment.

Among further items of general interest, we may note:

1. The putting into operation of the new plan for raising the Parochial Apportionments.

2. The discussion of the subject, "When does a minister cease to be a minister?"

3. The adoption of new rules for Beneficiary Education.

4. The presentation of theses for a Pension Fund.

5. The appointing of a committee to prepare a History of the Pittsburgh Synod.

6. The attention of Synod was directed to the proposed change in the School Laws of Pennsylvania, and resolutions were adopted strenuously opposing any change in the status of Bible reading in the public schools.

7. Gratifying reports were rendered by the representatives of the various charitable institutions within the territory of the Synod.

8. In regard to the Unification of Home Missions, the Synod resolved to turn over its Missions to the General Council as soon as such change could be made. This resolution, however, was not carried out, as yet, owing to constitutional impediments.

9. "Christ's Mission to the Jews" was taken upon the funds of Synod.

10. The report of the Executive Committee showed that a number of missions had become self-sustaining, and new missions were undertaken. thus extending the work of the Synod.

11. The work of the Lutheran Inner Mission Society of Pittsburgh was commended to the consideration of Synod, also the pastors of the Synod were urged to give the best possible care to provision for the Slavic Lutherans on the territory of Synod.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Convention of the Pittsburgh Synod was held in St. John's Lutheran Church, Kittanning, Pennsylvania, June 10-15, 1909. The following were elected officers of Synod:

President—The Rev. C. Theodore Benze.

English Secretary—The Rev. D. M. Kemerer.

German Secretary—The Rev. Paul Kummer.

Treasurer—The Rev. James Q. Waters.

Missionary Superintendent—The Rev. R. G. Rosenbaum.

At this convention, the roll of Synod numbered one hundred forty-eight. One candidate was ordained, and seven pastors were received into the Synod.

The following items were brought to the attention of Synod:

1. The Unification of English Home Missions.

2. The strenuous and heroic Self-sacrifice of the German Home Missionaries.

3. The many wants of our Foreign Field.

4. The claims of the Porto Rico Mission.

5. The Extension of the Work of the Slav Mission Board.

6. At this Convention, the Board of Trustees of Thiel College reported the progress made in the College during the past year, and submitted plans for a new building, and made the announcement that a President had been elected for the Institution.

7. It was resolved that the report of the Committee on Ministerial Pension Fund be presented to the General Council with the indorsement of Synod.

8. Increased apportionments were made for all of the general works of the Church, especially the Home and Foreign Mission work, and the work of the Slav Mission Board.

9. It was resolved, that the reports of all Charitable Institutions on the territory of the Synod be henceforth published in the Printed Minutes of the same.

10. The President called special attention to the Observance of Prison Sunday.

11. A strong plea was made in behalf of the German Home Mission work of the General Council.

12. Two cases of interference on the part of the General Synod have been reported to Synod. It was resolved, that the facts in the case be communicated to the President of the General Council, for its consideration and action.

13. The Thiel College General Finance Committee announced its determination to employ a capable man to take charge of the raising of the $100,000 Fund.

Parochial Statistics from Minutes of the Sixty-seventh Convention:

Pastors	148
Parishes	125
Congregations	179
Communicants	31,413
Baptisms	1,848
Confirmations	1,413
Received by letter	673
By restoration	154
By fellowship	285
Catechumens	1,203
Deaths	481
Removals	742
Exclusions	245
Sunday Schools	170
Teachers	1,791
Scholars	19,494

These Statistical Figures are not complete, as a number of Parochial Reports were missing. To this cause is due the apparent decrease in the figures given above.

Contributions:

Synodical Treasury	$10,780.17
Pentecostal Offering	762.37
Ministerial Relief	319.14
General Council Home Missions	2,269.32
General Council Church Extension	$6,823.47
Porto Rico Missions	526.29
Foreign Missions	3,346.56
Orphans' Home	3,132.74
Homes for Epileptics	807.20
Passavant Hospital	42.47
Old People's Home	1,259.29
Thiel College	759.35
Theological Seminaries	2,773.11
Other Benevolent Purposes	3,270.43
Local Objects	210,796.22
Total	$247,668.13

There are 43 Missions, composed of 62 congregations and stations, manned by 35 regular missionaries, and 3 helpers.

Their membership numbers:

Communicants	3,518
Baptized	5,624
Sunday-school Pupils	2,977
Catechumens	450
The Church Property is valued at	$267,550.00
The Parsonage Property at	38,050.00
Receiving by appropriation from Synod	11,377.15

The next convention will be held at Luther Memorial Church, Erie, Pennsylvania, beginning Thursday after Trinity Sunday, 1910.

C. Theodore Benze, *President.*

IV. The District Synod of Ohio.

Two annual meetings of the District Synod of Ohio have been held since the last meeting of the General Council, the 52nd convention, in St. Paul's Church, at Mansfield, Ohio, June 18-23, 1908, and the 53rd convention, in Emmanuel's Church, at Germantown, Ohio, June 10-14, 1909.

A special meeting of the Synod was held November 30 to December 1, 1908, in St. Paul's Church, Lima, Ohio, the principal object of which was to consider the advisability of establishing a college in that city, under the auspices of the Synod.

The following statistics taken from the printed Minutes indicate the work and growth of this body:

Ministers, 51; congregations, 85; confirmed members, 14,568; Bible Schools, 81, including 1,262 officers and teachers and 9,705 scholars.

Money contributed during the biennium: Synodical treasury, $6,650.58; Chicago Theological Seminary, $3,211.21; Church Extension, $2,883.22; Disabled Pastors' Fund, $786.79; Foreign Missions, $1,231.07; G. C. Home Missions, $1,820.79; Porto Rico Missions, $141.50; Christian Home Fund, $546.76; total benevolence, $20,394.44; local expenses, $160,950.26; value of church prpoerty, $635,700; value of parsonages, $59,950; total value of property, $695,650.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

1. In compliance with the unification plan ten missions have been transferred to the General Council English Home Mission Board.

Great is the need and great the opportunity for mission work in Ohio. With more men and more money at command and the appointment of one or more Field Missionaries, the rapid growth of the Synod will be assured.

2. Ten students are at present receiving aid from the Synod in preparing for the gospel ministry.

3. At the convention at Mansfield there was an announcement of the death of the Rev. Father J. H. Hunton, a former president of the Synod, and often a delegate to the General Council. Tributes of respect were paid by the appointment of a committee to represent the Synod at the funeral service and by the adoption of resolutions of honor and sympathy.

4. The fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Dr. G. W. Mechling was appropriately celebrated at the last convention, at Germantown, Ohio.

PETITION TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

In accordance with the instruction received from the body which they represent the delegates from the District Synod of Ohio respectfully present the following resolution to the General Council:

Resolved, That we petition the General Council to direct the publication of an edition of the Church Book with Music.

W. A. Beates, *President.*

V. The Augustana Synod.

During the biennium our Synod has held two conventions, the 49th in Trinity Church, Chicago, Ill., in June, 1908, and the 50th at Red Wing, Minn., in June, 1909.

The Synod's latest statistics are as follows: Conferences, 8; mission districts, 3; ministers, 611; congregations, 1091; church buildings, 984; parsonages, 496; communicants, 163,503; total number of parishioners, 254,645; infant baptisms, 24,768; adult baptisms, 207; confirmations, 15,732; accessions by letter, 19,625; deaths of communicants, 3,617; removals, 11,665; parochial school teachers, 589; scholars, 18,793; Sunday-school teachers, 8,981; scholars, 69,314.

The property valuation of the congregations is $8,070,584.66. During the last two years the Synod has contributed for Home Missions $127,500.15; for Foreign Missions, $32,728.34, and $53,070.32 for the care of orphans.

During the biennium the institutions of mercy carried on their mission with faithfulness and success. The receipts for hospital and deaconess work were $374,009.96. New Homes for the Aged were established, one by the Kansas Conference in Lindsborg, and one by the New York Conference at Brooklyn.

The disbursements in the work of the Immigrant Houses at New York and Boston were $69,386.94; of the Church Extension Society, $1,597.65, and of the Pension Fund, $11,260.29.

There has been an extraordinary activity in the interest of our educational institutions. In the effort to raise a Jubilee Fund of $250,000 for Augustana College and Theological Seminary, there has been great success. A new Academy has been established at Warren, Minn. The Synod expended $455,516.61 for educational purposes.

The receipts of the Augustana Book Concern were $269,984.86. It appropriated $8,000 to Augustana College.

The total expenditures of the congregations for all purposes were $1,617,555.06.

During the last two years eight pastors of the Synod departed this life. Two have taken pastorates in the Church of Sweden. One has returned his certificate of ordination. Forty-nine were ordained to the office of the ministry.

The officers of the Synod are: President, Rev. E. Norelius, D.D., Vasa, Minn.; Vice President, Rev. L. A. Johnston, D.D., Moline, Ill.; Secretary, Rev. J. G. Dahlberg, A.M., Winnipeg, Canada, and Treasurer, Rev. C. J. Bengston, Rock Island, Ill.

The next meeting of the Synod will be held at Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., at which time the Synod will celebrate its 50th anniversary.

L. A. Johnston, *Vice President.*

VI. The Canada Synod.

Since the last convention of the General Council the Canada Synod held two annual meetings, the 48th in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, Ont., and the 49th in St. Peter's Church, Preston, Ont., the congregation at the same time celebrating its 75th anniversary.

The present state of the Synod is shown by the following statistics: Ministers, 39; congregations, 82; communicant members, 13,200; voting members, 4,191; souls, 21,278; parochial (Saturday) schools, 44; teachers, 32; scholars, 1,237; Sunday-schools, 66; teachers, 590; scholars, 4,000; baptisms, 717; confirmations, 520; deaths, 170; converts, 24.

During the past biennium the Synod has raised for Home Missions $7,200; for Foreign Missions, $2,660; for orphans, $759; for Invalid Ministers' Fund, $700; for different benevolent (Inner Mission) purposes, $4,163.25; for congregational purposes, $104,000. The Invalid Ministers' Fund has almost reached the $10,000 mark.

The Synod at present supports seven mission fields, with 23 congrega-

tions or preaching stations, eight of which are situated in New Ontario, along the main line of the C. P. R. R. and are served by a traveling missionary. The Synod has unanimously declared itself in favor of the "German Problems," i. e., the publication of an official German organ of the Council, and an official connection between the Council and the Seminary in Kropp (Germany). At the last meeting in Preston an important step was taken by the adoption of a constitution for a Sick Benefit Society, to be organized in the congregations of our Synod under the administration of the same.

The Synod will, D. V., hold its next meeting in St. Peter's Church, Bryant Twp., Rev. H. Henkel, pastor, beginning Thursday after Trinity Sunday, 1910. The officers of the Synod are: President, Rev. E. Hoffmann; Berlin, Ont.; Vice President, Rev. A. Eggers, Hespeler, Ont.; Secretary, Rev. H. Henkel, Pearl Lake, Ont.; Treasurer, Rev. H. Twietmeyer, Hanover, Ont.

E. HOFFMANN, *President.*

VII. The Chicago Synod.

Two conventions of the Chicago Synod have been held since the last meeting of the General Council. The 38th annual convention was held in Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, South Bend, Indiana, June 17-21, 1908. The 39th annual convention was held in Mt. Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Knox county, Indiana, June 9-13, 1909.

The following statistics are gathered from the minutes of the 39th convention: Ministers, 34; congregations, 64; communicants, 7,000; baptized members, 9,794; souls under pastors' care, 13,020; Sunday-schools, 52; pupils, 6,026; estimated value of church property, $562,550; total beneficence (2 years), $16,736.10; total expenditures (two years), $193,768.67.

During the biennium twelve ministers have been received, nine have been dismissed to other Synods, five congregations have been received, and nine church buildings dedicated.

The Chicago Synod has shown its interest in and approval of the unification of General Council English Home Mission work by transferring its missions to the general board September 1, 1908. At present the Chicago Synod has ten missions with a communicant membership of 900, and property valued at $73,200; $3,000 of the Mrs. Amanda Bernheim fund has been paid to the trustees of Synod and has stimulated the mission work.

The Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary, which has proven itself an important factor in the life and development of the Chicago Synod, is about to change its location from Lakeview, on the north side, to Maywood, on the west side of the city. The new location, which is conveniently reached from the city by four electric and steam roads, is an ideal place and will add greatly to the comfort and work of both professors and students. During the past scholastic year 41 students were enrolled at the Seminary and a goodly number of young men were sent forth into the ministerial ranks of the various Synods of the Lutheran Church.

Colburn Academy, the other educational institution on the territory of the Chicago Synod, reports two successful years since the last meeting of the General Council, and is rapidly becoming a factor in the upbuilding of the Church.

The officers of Synod are: President, the Rev. A. H. Arbaugh, Chicago, Ill.; Secretary, the Rev. Wm. J. Seiberling, Mulberry, Ind.; Treasurer, the Rev. I. Whitman, Hillsboro, Ind., R. F. D. No. 2.

The next convention will be held in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Nappanee, Ind., May 25-29, 1910.

A. H. ARBAUGH, *President.*

VIII. The English Synod of the Northwest.

The eighteenth convention of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest was held in St. Paul's Church, Red Wing, Minn., Rev. A. J. Reichert, pastor, June 24-29, 1908, and the nineteenth convention in the Church of the Epiphany, Milwaukee, Wis., Rev. G. K. Rubrecht, pastor, June 16-21, 1909.

There are on the roll 35 ministers, 40 congregations, 6,617 communicants, 40 Sunday-schools and 6,200 scholars. The receipts for benevolence for the past year were $7,022, $1,200 more than apportioned; $11.23 per member was contributed for local and benevolent work.

At the Red Wing convention Synod celebrated the 25th anniversary of the beginning of English Lutheran work in the Northwest. The addresses were made by the Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D., founder of the English work in Minnesota; Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., founder of the English work in Wisconsin, and Rev. E. F. Krauss, D.D., of the Chicago Theological Seminary. The Swedish congregation courteously loaned the use of the church to Synod for the service, for it was in their old church in which the first English service was held in Red Wing.

Synod adopted the Unification Plan of Home Missions, as proposed at the last convention of the General Council. New rules for apportionment have been adopted and Sunday-school institutes have been held by each Conference.

Synod has under consideration the question of Christian work among our Lutheran students in State and non-Lutheran universities and colleges. A conservative estimate shows that there are now 2,500 students in such institutions upon the territory of Synod. A standing committee was appointed to have charge of the work. Synod requests that the General Council take definite action looking to a proper solution of the problem of Christian instruction for the benefit of students attending our State and non-Lutheran institutions of learning in the United States and Canada.

Synod indorses the proposition of the General Council's Committee on Education to set a high and uniform standard for our educational institutions, and expresses the hope that the Committee on Education will render a full report to this convention.

Synod put itself on record as opposed to the introduction in our mission congregations of any book of worship which will take the place of the Church Book, and has instructed its delegates to request the General Council not to publish the proposed Sunday-school Book containing the Chief Service, Vesper Service, Introits, etc.

Synod also resolved that the General Council be requested to take immediate action towards securing a common musical setting for the Common Service, and the proposed common hymnal, or for the present Church Book; that in the selection of the melodies for all musical settings, we desire such as are classic in their adaptation to hymns and chants, and that careful attention be given to the mechanical make-up of the new book, so as to render it convenient and acceptable to our people.

The officers of Synod are: Rev. A. J. Reichert, President; Rev. W. P. Christy, Secretary; and Hon. C. A. Smith, Treasurer.

A. J. Reichert, *President.*

IX. The Manitoba Synod.

Since the last meeting of the General Council the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Manitoba and other Provinces held its usual convention at Strathcona, Alberta, July 1-5.

Twenty years ago, in 1889, the General Council sent its first missionary to Western Canada, and now the Parochial Report shows a clerical membership of 21 and 23 parishes, of which three at the time of the convention were vacant. As the minutes of the last Synodical meeting are not yet published, it is impossible to give accurate statistics of the other items. During the biennium nine ministers have been received and five have been dismissed.

All the officers of the Synod were re-elected for the period of two years, viz.: Rev. M. Ruccius, Strathcona, Alta, President; Rev. H. Becker, Emerson, Man., Secretary; Mr. P. M. Bredt, Regina, Sask., Treasurer, and Rev. J. Goos, editor of the Synodical paper, "Der Synodal-Bote."

At the meeting an instructive doctrinal paper about the Means of Grace was read by the Rev. J. Goos.

A very large part of the proceedings of the meeting was devoted to the all-important question, how to get more ministers for our Synodical field. In consequence of the unconscionable propaganda of another Lutheran Synod there is an unrest among the congregations of our Synod which can not be met but by putting more workers into the field. Therefore it was resolved to ask the General Council to do everything in its power to solve this problem in one or the other way. There is no time to spare, or our Synod will have to face a very serious situation.

The next convention will be held, D. V., in Trinity Church, Winnipeg, Man., in July, 1911.

M. Ruccius, *President.*

X. The Pacific Synod.

The Pacific Synod held its eighth and ninth annual conventions during the biennium, the former June 24-28, 1908, in Zion Church, The Dalles, Oregon, the Rev. M. E. Boulton, pastor; and the latter June 19-20, 1909, in St. John's Church, Tacoma, Wash., the Rev. C. F. W. Stoever, pastor. The parochial report shows a communicant membership of 1,623; congregations, 26; pastors, 17; scholars in Sunday-school, 905; benevolent contributions during the biennium, $1,857.95; property valuation, $151,000.

The Unification Plan of General Council Home Missions was unanimously adopted and the Rev. E. G. Lund, D.D., was elected Synod's representative on the General Board.

Relative to the Seminary question, the Synod took the following action: "Resolved, That since the General Council has placed itself on record as being clearly opposed to such union effort, we hereby terminate the negotiations in progress, and express our deep regrets to the California Synod. Resolved, That we ask the General Council and its Mission Boards to assist us in the establishment and maintenance of a Theological Seminary on our territory." At the last convention nothing was done beyond the pledge of faithfulness to the General Council in any plans that body may suggest or devise. The Synod, however, placed itself on record as desirous to avail itself of the offer tendered by the citizens of Vancouver, Wash., a city contiguous to Portland, and with interests almost identical, in which they pledge a suitable site of twenty acres of ground and a cash bonus of $15,000 for the foundation of an institution of higher education.

The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society has been more or less active, but is somewhat handicapped by the remoteness of the several societies. Mrs. J. C. Walling, of Seattle, Wash., is the President of the Society; Mrs. Arthur J. Tollefson, of Tacoma, Secretary; and Mrs. F. W. Bussard, of Salt Lake City, Treasurer.

The Synod is now supporting, through one of its congregations, Miss Emily L. Weiskotten on our India Mission field, and also through the same congregation, supporting, to the half of his salary, the Rev. Wm. C. Brahn, as the Field Missionary of the Territory of the Synod.

A nucleus has been tendered the Synod, for the beginning of some work of mercy, and it is hoped that during the year some small beginnings may be made in this direction at Macksburg, Oregon.

The Rev. Dr. Lund is the President of the English Conference, the Rev. Theophil Schoenberg is secretary and Treasurer. The Rev. C. Boehmer, of Camas, Wash., is president of the German Conference, and the Rev. E. Meyer, of San Jose, Cal., is the Secretary.

The former officers of Synod have been re-elected, as follows: The Rev. J. A. Leas, President; the Rev. F. W. Bussard, Secretary; the Rev. M E. Boulton, Statistical Secretary; and Mr. W. S. T. Derr, Vancouver, Wash., Treasurer.

J. A. Leas, *President.*

XI. The Synod of New York and New England.

During the past biennium the Synod has held two conventions, the Seventh, June 9-11, 1908, in the Church of the Redeemer, Brooklyn, N. Y., the Rev. S. G. Weiskotten, D.D., pastor, and the Eighth, June 8-10, 1909, in the Church of the Reformation, Rochester, N. Y., the Rev. F. F. Fry, pastor.

The reports from all our congregations reveal a growing interest in the work of the Church at large. The "Unification Plan" for Home Missions has proved very successful.

During the biennium fifteen pastors have been received from other Synods and two by ordination. Ten pastors have been dismissed to other Synods. Although but eight years old, our Synod has been able during the last year to dismiss an earnest body of seven pastors and eleven parishes to form a new Synod, "The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada." Though losing this number of pastors and congregations, we have established seven new congregations, consecrated eight new churches, secured two portable chapels, and called two field missionaries.

The Synod now supports three scholarships valued at $200 each, two at the Philadelphia Theological Seminary and one at Muhlenberg College, besides assisting two students and ten missionaries.

At its last meeting the Synod resolved to raise $100,000 for Church Extension to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the Reformation; also to make a special effort during the next biennium to pay all the General Council apportionments in full. The Synod further resolved to ask the General Council's Committee on Education to arrange such courses as would be most suitable for our academies and colleges. A special committee was appointed to formulate a plan to aid aged and disabled ministers.

The Synod now numbers 54 pastors and 55 congregations; 16,264 confirmed members; 12,225 Sunday-school scholars; and 1,209 teachers and officers. The contributions towards the General Council causes during the last two years have been: English Home Missions, $3,506.03; Porto Rico Missions, $879.61; Slav Missions, $90.58; Foreign Missions, $3,498.63; General Council Treasury, $125.00. Total, $8,099.85.

The officers of Synod are: President, Rev. Samuel G. Weiskotten, D.D., 96 Hewes St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Secretary, Rev. Samuel G. Trexler, 133 Milton St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Treasurer, Mr. Fred J. Walter, 115 Spring St., Kingston, N. Y.

The Ninth Convention will be held in the Church of the Redeemer, Binghamton, N. Y., May 24, 1910.

S. G. Weiskotten, *President.*

XII. Nova Scotia Synod.

Since the last meeting of the General Council The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nova Scotia has held two annual meetings. The sixth convention was held in the Cossmann Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church,

New Germany, the Rev. C. H. Little, pastor, June 25-28, 1908. The seventh convention was held in Zion's Lutheran Church, Lunenburg, the Rev. W. M. Weaver, pastor, June 24-27, 1909.

The Parochial Report gives the following statistics: Number of congregations, 26; number of clerical members, 7; number of communicant members, 2,695; number of Sunday-schools, 19; number of scholars, 998; amount raised for benevolences during the year ending June 24, 1909, $1,350.79; amount raised for local purposes, $10,380.70; value of church property, $76,075.

During the last two years there has been a net gain of one congregation, 150 communicant members and $134.94 in benevolence. During the biennium one pastor was received by ordination and two were received from and three transferred to other Synods. During this time two new churches have been set apart for the worship of the Triune God, while another will be consecrated on August 29, 1909.

The Synod is endeavoring to divide some of its larger parishes and to increase its pastors' salaries.

At the last convention an apportionment was laid for Foreign Missions, which will mean the doubling of the amount heretofore raised for the purpose. "The Nova Scotia Lutheran," Synod's official organ, which will be two years old in September, is steadily growing in popularity and usefulness, and efforts are being put forth to have it become a regular visitor in every home among our people. The Bethany Orphans' Home in the last two years has been signally blessed, inasmuch as there has not been a serious case of illness among the 17 children now finding a home within its doors.

The officers of the Synod are: President, the Rev. W. M. Weaver, Lunenberg; Secretary, the Rev. C. H. Little, New Germany; Treasurer, the Rev. H. J. Behrens, Rose Bay. The eighth convention will be held at Rose Bay, June 30, 1910.

W. M. Weaver, *President.*

XIII. The Synod of Central Canada.

The Synod of Central Canada was temporarily organized on November 11, 1908, in Guelph, Ont., in St. Paul's church, the Rev. H. A. Kunkle, pastor, at a convention called by the Eastern Field Missionary (the Rev. M. J. Bieber). A permanent organization was effected in St. Paul's Church, Toronto, the Rev. W. C. Miller, pastor, on May 26th, 1909, by the adoption of a constitution based on that of the Synod of New York and New England. At this meeting the Rev. J. L. Sibole, Buffalo, N. Y., officially represented the Synod of New York and New England. Thirteen congregations and eleven pastors constituted the Synod. Three pastors applied for admission and were received, and the Rev. J. F. Bornhold, of Mt. Airy Seminary, applied for ordination at Guelph, June 11, 1909. Two congregations were admitted. It was decided to apply for admission into the General Council at its next meeting.

There were seven installations during the year, three pastoral changes. Two congregations were organized, and prospective fields were canvassed by the Field Missionary.

The field Missionary was elected president, and his salary was assumed by the Synod. A "Ministers' Relief Fund" was established. A Synodical Woman's Missionary Society was organized, also a Layman's Movement.

It was decided to organize a Theological Seminary in federation with Toronto University, opening its doors Oct. 1, 1909. Home Missions and Foreign Missions were presented by the Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., and the Rev. Geo. Drach, respectively. "Catechetical Instruction of Children" was the subject of a paper read by the Rev. J. J. May. Sunday-school Conventions are to be held in connection with the meetings of the Conferences. Delegates were sent to the meetings of the Canada and the New York and New England Synod, the Rev. J. A. Miller and the President respectively. The Synod equalized the expenses of all delegates. The Synod was opened with the administration of the Holy Communion, the President preaching the sermon.

M. J. Bieber, *President.*

In the Sixth Session the Rev. H. A. Weller presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ABSTRACTS AND MINUTES OF SYNODS.

Your committee to report on the matter of Abstracts from the Minutes of the several Synods of the Council begs leave to report that, having examined the reports so submitted, it is recommended that the General Council take action as follows:

I. Rejoicing in the evidences of healthy, and in some localities of the territory, phenomenal growth; and in the laudable Forward Movement everywhere noticeable in enlarged undertakings, the Council commends the special efforts now being put forth; such as, the raising of a $1,000,000 fund by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, etc., in celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the Reformation, in 1917; of the $25,000 fund by the Ministerium of New York to complete the Wagner College Fund; the $250,000 fund by the Augustana Synod in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of its organization; the $100,000 Church Extension Fund of the New York and New England Synod in celebration of the anniversary of the Reformation; and the $100,000 fund by the Pittsburgh Synod for the building fund of Thiel College, as well as all the greater undertakings, aside from their regular work, in which the Synods are engaged.

II. *Resolved,* That a committee of five members be appointed by the Council to devise and formulate some practical plan for uniform statistical tables, and to submit the same for action at the next regular meeting of the Council.

III. *Resolved,* That the matter of advisability of preparing a book, supplementary to the graded system, setting forth the educational, missionary, and eleemosynary work of the Church, be referred to the Council's Sunday-school Work Committee with power to act.

IV. *Resolved,* That the offer of the New York Ministerium to transfer the "Lutherische Herold" to the General Council in order to further the founding of a German organ of the Council, be thankfully and appreciatively accepted; and that the Trustees of the Council be instructed to enter into such negotiations with the Ministerium of New York as may be necessary to effect said transfer.

V. That it is gratifying to note the unanimity of approval of the proposition looking toward uniformity in the curriculum of our colleges, etc., as expressed by the Ministerium of New York, the English Synod of the Northwest, and the Synod of New York and New England.

VI. The Pittsburgh Synod refers to the General Council a proposition looking to the establishment of a Ministerial Pension Fund and submits an argument in Theses. (See Minutes Pittsburgh Synod, 1909, page 31 ff.)

Believing that the establishment of a General Council Pension Fund might prove an excellent measure, be it *Resolved,* That a committee be appointed which shall prepare the essentials for such a plan, to be submitted to the various Synods of the Council, who shall be requested by the Committee to report their decision to the next convention of the General Council.

VII. Upon the offer of the Pittsburgh Synod to place Christ's Mission to the Jews, in Pittsburgh, Pa., under the management of the General Council, be it

Resolved, That the Jewish Mission Committee of the Pittsburgh Synod be constituted a Committee of the General Council to take over the work so offered.

VIII. *Resolved,* That the two cases of alleged interference of the General Synod, charged by the Pittsburgh Synod, be referred to the General Council Committee on Arbitration. (Pittsburgh Synod Minutes, 1909, pp. 61 and 62.)

IX. *Resolved,* That the petition of the District Synod of Ohio for the publication of an edition of the Church Book with music, as well as the petition of the English Synod of the Northwest, for immediate action toward securing a common musical setting for the Common Service and the proposed Common Hymnal, as also the petition of the Chicago Synod to the same effect, be referred, with favorable recommendation, to the Church Book Committee.

X. The attention of the General Council is directed to the unanimous action of the Canada Synod declaring in favor of the publication of an official German organ of the Council and an official connection between the Council and the Seminary in Kropp, Germany. We recommend that the Council refer these matters to the proper committee charged with consideration of these questions.

XI. In the matter of the request of the Synod of the Northwest, that the Council take definite action looking to a proper solution of the Christian Instruction of Students in State and non-Lutheran Institutions, it is recommended that this entire matter be referred to the Council's Board of Education.

XII. In the matter of the protest of the Synod of the Northwest against the introduction of books of worship supplanting the Church Book, and the publication of a Sunday-school Book containing the Chief Service, Vesper Service, Introits, etc., it is recommended that these protests be referred to the Church Book Committee.

XIII. In the matter of the petition of the Manitoba Synod to have the General Council do all in its power to solve the problem of procuring and preparing men for the ministry on the field of said Synod, it is recommended that action be deferred until the Council hears and acts upon the report of the Committee appointed by the German Conference of the Council in these premises.

XIV. For information of the Council the Committee submits: a. That to the brethren of the Pacific Synod there has come an offer, tendered by the citizens of Vancouver, a city contiguous to Portland, Oregon, with interests almost identical, in which they pledge a suitable site of twenty acres of ground and a cash bonus of $15,000 for the foundation of an institution of higher education.

b. That the Synod of Central Canada has organized a Theological Seminary in federation with the Toronto University.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. Benze Chas. W. Fuhr.
H. A. Weller. C. W. Foss.
A. P. Monten. *Committee.*

The Report was discussed in the sixth, seventh and eighth sessions.

A number of matters having been already acted on were passed by. With reference to the resolution to rejoice in the prospects of the educational prospects of the Pacific Synod and its proposed Vancouver school, it was finally on motion of Dr. Spaeth

Resolved, That the item be so changed as simply to state the fact with no recommendation.

On motion of the Rev. G. Drach,

Resolved, That a similar disposition be made of the item referring to a proposed theological seminary under the auspices of the Central Canada Synod.

On motion the report was recommitted to the committee for editing.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Jacobs it was

Resolved, That the entire question involved in regard to the establishment of educational institutions, as well as the action taken at Buffalo (Minutes of 1907, page 215) be referred to the Committee on Constitutional Point raised by Dr. Norelius, for further consideration and recommendation to the next Convention of the General Council.

COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Committees:

Committee on Uniform Statistical Blanks.—The Rev. A. D. Crile, S. E. Ochsenford, D.D., J. Nicum, D.D., W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., and C. J. Petri, D.D.

Committee on General Council Ministerial Pension Fund.—The Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., G. C. F. Haas, D.D., G. H. Trabert, D.D., H. O. Lindeblad, F. C. Oberly, Hon. C. A. Smith, and Mr. Chas. Schimmelfeng.

Committee on Jewish Missions.—Revs. Edmund Belfour, D.D., D. M. Kemerer, W. E. Bauer and Mr. W. Warren Wattles.

Committee on Documents and Papers Presented to the General Council—Revs. H. W. Roth, D.D., G. F. Spieker, D.D., H. H. Bruning, D.D., and H. Offermann, D.D.

No papers were handed the Committee, hence no report was called for.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER SYNODS.

The presence of the Rev. Carl Proehl, representing the German Iowa Synod, and the Rev. B. B. Jonsson, representing the Icelandic Synod, having been announced, it was on motion

Resolved, That the privilege of the floor be granted to the Rev. Messrs. Proehl and Jonsson.

The Treasurer's Report was read, and referred to an Auditing Committee, consisting of Mr. J. M. Snyder, Prof. O. F. H. Bert and Mr. F. P. Johnson, whose report rendered later is appended.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND.

William H. Staake, Treasurer, in account with the General Expense Fund of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, since 1907 audit.

Dr.

	Balance at last audit, 1907		$ 26 26
1908.			
Sept. 26.	Collection at meeting G. C. in Buffalo		23 37
Nov. 25.	Eng. Ev. Luth. Synod N. W., balance apportionment expenses General Council		50 00
Dec. 15.	District Synod of Ohio, apportionment for years 1907-1909, inclusive		75 00
Dec. 16.	Canada Synod, apportionment		50 00
Dec. 18.	Pittsburgh Synod, apportionment		200 00
Dec. 22.	Ev. Luth. Synod N. Y. & N. E.		75 00
Dec. 28.	Nova Scotia Synod	$ 15 00	
Dec. 28.	Pacific Synod	15 00	
1909.			
Jan. 15.	Ministerium of Pennsylvania	650 00	
Jan. 18.	Chicago Synod	50 00	
Jan. 26.	Augustana Synod	600 00	
May 12.	Ev. Luth. Min. of N. Y. & A. S. & C.	200 00	
June 1.	Ev. Luth. Synod of N. Y. & N. E.	50 00	
			$2,079 63

Cr.

1907.			
Oct. 7.	Rev. Peter Peterson, expenses as delegate to Icelandic Synod	$ 17 25	
Oct. 7.	Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D.D., for Buffalo janitor	10 00	
1908.			
Nov. 25.	Rev. W. K. Frick, account bill copying 1907 Minutes	40 00	
Dec. 18.	Rev. W. K. Frick, balance bill, $62	22 00	
Dec. 18.	Wartburg Printing House, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., translating Minutes of 1905 into German, expg., postage	77 40	
1909.			
Feb. 1.	Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth, for 4 years' contribution to "Engere Konferenz"	100 00	
Mar. 13.	Board of Publication of the General Council, 2,500 copies of English Minutes, paper, etc.	1,120 49	
July 7.	Wartburg Printing House, mailing etc., German Minutes G. C., 31st convention, 1907	42 16	
	1,500 German Minutes of 31st convention in Buffalo, N. Y., binding, etc.	580 00	
July 7.	Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., expenses as official visitor to General Synod, Richmond, Ind., June 1-3, 1909.	39 26	
Aug. 10.	Typewriting, etc., reports	5 00	
			$2,053 56
	Balance on hand		26 07
			$2,079 63

WILLIAM H. STAAKE, *Treasurer.*

We have examined the above account and vouchers, and find the same correct.

JAS. M. SNYDER,
O. F. H. BERT,
F. P. JOHNSON,
Auditing Committee.

Sept. 13, 1909.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The Trustees of the General Council respectfully report:

Since the last meeting of the General Council two meetings have been held, at the first of which an organization was effected by the election of Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., as President; Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D., as Vice President; Honorable Wm. H. Staake, Treasurer, and E. Augustus Miller, Esq., Secretary.

The following items of interest have been transacted at the meetings held:

At the request of the Foreign Mission Board, the officers were instructed to execute a Letter of Attorney appointing the Rev. H. E. Isaacson the Attorney for the Corporation in place of the Rev. Dr. Harpster to represent it in all matters of business in India. A Letter of Attorney in form similar to that given to Dr. Harpster was accordingly duly executed and delivered.

In the matter of several legacies bequeathed to the Trustees for Foreign Missions, the one by a party in Altoona, Pa., and the other by a resident of Rochester, N. Y., by resolution, persons were appointed to represent the Trustees in the adjustment or collection of the same.

A Committee was appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer and examine the securities held; and the Treasurer was authorized to pay over all income to the various objects for which it had been collected.

In accordance with the Resolution of the General Council adopted at its last meeting (see English Minutes, page 241), a joint meeting of the Board of Publication, the Board of Foreign Missions and the Board of English Home Missions, together with the Trustees, was duly called and held.

During the past biennium Mr. Joseph A. Bremer, a Trustee, departed this life.

The terms of the following Trustees expire at this meeting of the General Council: E. Aug. Miller, Esq., W. Frederick Monroe, Hon. Wm. H. Staake, Rev. Edward E. Sibole, D.D., and Hon. Jacob A. Geissenhainer. Six trustees should be elected, three to serve for two years, three to serve for three years. Respectfully submitted,

E. AUG. MILLER, *Secretary.*

The Report was adopted.

The following audited account of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Council was read and adopted:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

William H. Staake, Treasurer, in account with the Trustees of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America of the following funds:

SEMINARY BUILDING FUND.

Dr.

To balance at Audit of 1907	$ 549 50
Interest from bank	20 46
	$569 96

Cr.

By cash	$ 000 00
Balance on hand	569 96
Balance on hand	569 96

(This fund consists of moneys contributed for the erection of a Seminary Building at Rajahmundry, India, title to which is to be held by the Trustees.)

B. W. SCHMAUK LEGACY ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To two years' interest on $500 E. & P. 4s, due respectively Oct. 1, 1907; April 1, 1908; Oct. 1, 1908; April 1, 1909, at $10 each	40 00

1909. *Cr.*

Aug. 10. By cash, Jas. M. Snyder, Treas. For. Miss. Fund....	40 00

(The principal of this fund on hand, $498.13—originally $500, less expenses, $1.87—was received 9-11-99, is to be invested by Board and interest to be used by it in its work at its discretion. Principal is invested in $500 E. & P. 4s.)

UNKNOWN DONOR ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To cash, two years' interest on $2,000 E. & P. 4s, due, respectively, 10-1-07, 4-1-08, 10-1-08, 4-1-09, at $40 each	$160 00

1909 *Cr.*

Aug. 10. By cash, Jas. M. Snyder, Treas. For. Miss. Fund....	160 00

(The interest of this fund, $2,000—received from "Person who desires name to be withheld"—is devoted to the cause of Foreign Missions. The fund of $2,000 is invested in $2,000 E. & P. 4s.)

J. GEORGE WAGNER FUND.

Dr.

To balance at Audit of 1907	$1,000 00
Interest from bank	37 20
	$1,037 20

1909. *Cr.*

Aug. 10. By cash, Jas. M. Snyder, Treas. For. Miss. Fund....	37 20
Balance on hand	1,000 00
	$1,037 20

(The Treasurer received on 2-13-93 from C. W. Voshall $1,500, to be expended by Trustees for Foreign Missions and German Missions. This principal of $1,500 was reduced to $1,000 by payments on 2-1-94 to Rev. Dr. J. J. Kuendig, Treasurer German Home Mission Board.)

CLARA SCHLEGELMILCH MEMORIAL.

1909.		
Aug. 2.	Received amount bequeathed by Clara Schlegelmilch to Trustees of General Council for memorial to be determined upon	$1,000 00

ESTATE OF SARAH HARWICK, DECEASED.

Dr.

To balance at Audit, 1907	$ 436 66

Cr.

By cash	$ 000 00
Balance on hand	436 66
	$436 66

MARY A. RATZEL FUND.

To balance at Audit, 1907, (part of principal of $2,135)	$335 00
Two years' mortgage interest on $1,800 mortgage, due 10-30-07, 4-30-08, 10-30-08, 4-30-09, at $48.60	194 40
Interest from bank	13 02
	$542 42

Cr.

By cash, Jas. M. Snyder, Treas. For. Miss. Fund	$ 207 42
Balance on hand (part of principal)	335 00
	$542 42

(The principal of this fund, $2,135, is made up of: Amount received from estate of Mary A. Ratzel, and is represented by Bond and Mortgage, on 255 N. 58th St., Phila., of $1,800; cash on hand, $335. The income of this fund is devoted to Foreign Missions.)

KONGO MISSION.

Balance on hand at Audit, 1907	$ 3 70

(Received 2-11-85 through Rev. C. G. Fischer for Lutheran Kongo Mission.)

Cr.

By cash	$ 0 00
Balance on hand	3 70
	$ 3 70

Have examined and vouched the above accounts and securities, and find them correct and as stated.

E. AUG. MILLER,
Committee of Trustees of General Council, 8-13-09.

Mr. Chas. B. Opp presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL COUNCIL TREASURY.

Your Committee charged with the duty of considering the depleted condition of the General Council treasury and devising some plan whereby the same may be placed in a better condition, in presenting this report cannot refrain from expressing the keen loss the Church has sustained in the death of Mr. C. A. FonDersmith, the Chairman of the Committee. He was active in every good work and ever ready with a helping hand. His memory is worthy of this tribute.

Correspondence relative to the matter assigned to the Committee had been carried on, but the subject had not been fully considered before Mr. FonDersmith passed away. However, since then further correspondence was had, and the following is submitted as the report of the Committee:

It is clearly within the scope of the General Council, as of all similar bodies, to authorize some businesslike and systematic method by which the funds required for the suitable transaction of its business can be secured. This was already recognized in the formation of the Council, which may be seen by reference to the earlier minutes. The revenue of the Council in the past has been insufficient and does not permit of the transaction of any of the business of the Council in the interim unless the expenses be assumed by the officers, or provided in some other manner.

The officers should not be compelled to wait until an empty treasury necessitates an appeal to the Synods for funds. Nor would it seem fair, or even prudent, to adopt any plan by which the expenses of managing the affairs of this entire body would be borne by any one branch of its activities. The logical source of revenue for general expense purposes lies in the Synods of which the General Council is composed, and it is respectfully suggested that the necessary apportionment be authorized on such a basis and at such times as conditions demand.

It is also manifestly desirable that the apportionment be as equitable as possible among the various Synods in the endeavor to provide sufficient revenue to meet the increasing needs that accompany the growth in membership of this body and the churches in its care.

The following table shows the receipts for and payments on account of general expenses as compiled from the treasurer's reports of the years indicated:

YEAR	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS
1899	$1,199.62	$1,261.90
1901	1,521.67	1,632.18
1903	1,456.73	1,453.07
1905	1,722.36	1,684.33
1907	1,658.76	1,632.50

This provided for the payment of only the most necessary expenses, no allowance having been made for any demands that might arise and which the treasury should be in condition to meet.

In order to acquire a comfortable working balance and upon the assumption that the obligations for the coming biennium will be in excess of the last, it is self-evident that enlarged receipts must be provided. The Committee therefore offers the following recommendations, viz:

1st. That the sum of $2,500 per annum (originally $1,250 per annum, but amended to $2,500 per annum in the Fourth Session, *q. v.*) be apportioned to the several Synods, and for their convenience the same be paid in annual installments, as here indicated:

Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$700
Ministerium of New York	250
Pittsburgh Synod	250
District Synod of Ohio	130
Augustana Synod	650
Synod of Canada	40
Chicago Synod	100
English Synod of the Northwest	100
Manitoba Synod	20
Pacific Synod	20
New York and New England Synod	230
Nova Scotia Synod	10
	$2,500

2nd. That the apportionments be due and payable between the first day of January and June of each year.

3rd. That the General Council set apart one Sunday, in each biennium, or preferably in each year, on which the pastors of the congregations present the work of the Council as well as the necessity of its existence. This would be educational, and the value of such presentation cannot be too strongly emphasized. The collections taken to be towards the apportionment.

4th. That a standing Committee on Finance be appointed to take into consideration all matters relating to the finances of the General Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES B. OPP.
D. D. FRITCH.
FRANK C. HEMSING.
O. J. WATERS.

Recommendations 1, 2 and 4 were adopted. Under 3 it was, on motion of Dr. Jacobs,

Resolved, That Recommendation 3 be referred to a special Committee on Budget, to report at this Convention.

Committee: Messrs. William H. Hager, W. W. Wattles and A. C. Albrecht.

See Report on the Budget in the third session. At the fourth session the apportionment was made $2,500 per annum, doubling each item.

With this reference the report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Dr. Ziegenfuss presented the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

ORGANIZATION.

The official notification from the English Secretary of the election of the members of the Board having come to hand, the Board met for organization on October 15, 1907. At this meeting the following officers were elected:

President—Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler, Ph.D., LL.D.
Secretary—Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss, D.D.
Treasurer—G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq.

Executive Committee—The officers and Messrs. Jas. G. Finley and Chas. B. Opp.

Finance Committee—The President, the Treasurer, and Mr. Jas. N. Mohr.

MATTERS REFERRED TO THE BOARD.

1. In the matter of devising a plan for securing a Church House in the city of Philadelphia for the joint use of the various General Council Boards and Committees, a special committee was appointed, which met with representatives of the other bodies. Since the Chairman of the Trustees was authorized to call the meeting, the action taken no doubt will be contained in the Report of the Trustees.

Irrespective, however, of the instructions given relative to securing a Church House in the City of Philadelphia for joint use of the various Boards and Committees, the Publication Board avails itself of the privilege to state that it is not unmindful of previous action taken by the General Council looking toward the provision of office accommodations for the other Boards. But, up to this time, it has not been found feasible and it will not be until conditions are such by which the present property can be disposed of. The uncertainty of the boulevard project hinders the sale, inasmuch as real estate dealers will not touch it. While the city authorities have been given the power to purchase property along the line of the proposed Parkway, thus far nothing has been done in that direction. A special committee of the Board has been appointed for the purpose of securing a location as soon as circumstances will permit, where provision may be made adequate to all demands.

2. Relative to a Union Almanac, so far as the statistical matter is concerned, some correspondence has been carried on with the Publication Board of one of the Synods not in connection with the General Council, but nothing definite has resulted.

3. A regular form of agreement between the Publication Board of the Iowa Synod and the Publication Board of the General Council has been entered into, in which the rights and privileges of the joint interests are clearly defined.

4. The recommendation that the Board of Publication purchase from the heirs of the Rev. S. K. Brobst all rights in the German Monthly Sunday-school paper entitled "Der Jugendfreund," has been consummated. The price paid was $500 and the Board assumed the publication of the paper with the issue of January, 1909.

5. In regard to the issuing of an English people's edition of the Book of Concord at a price to be easily within the reach of the people, a special committee was appointed to which this matter was referred. After the question was discussed at some length, the opinion prevailed that to avoid all complications, the electro plates of the Book of Concord published by the late G. W. Frederick, had better be acquired, if possible, before publishing another edition. With that end in view negotiations with the owners of the plates for the purchase of the same, were authorized. Only a short time had elapsed when the Board was informed through the Rev. Dr. Schmauk, that Mrs. Frederick was willing to sell not only the electro plates of the Book of Concord, but also the electro plates of all other books, stock on hand, etc., still owned by her. At a special meeting held in March, 1908, the officers of the Board were instructed to accept the offer of Mrs. Frederick, and carry out the purchase.

Besides the printed and bound stock, the purchase includes: Electroplates of Book of Concord, Vol. I and II; School and Parish Hymnal and Service Book; Life and Times of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg; Regina, the German Captive; Luther's Small Catechism (Mann & Krotel); Luther's Small Catechism (Green Cover); Luther's Small Catechism (Blue Cover); Beginner's Catechism; Christmas, A Festival Service; Helper, Christmas Service No. 2; Helper, Christmas Service, No. 3; Easter Vespers for Sunday-schools; Confirmation Certificate. Lithographic Stones of Certificate of Baptism, Certificate of Confirmation, Certificate of Marriage.

As soon as the transfer had been made, the price of the Book of Concord was reduced from $7.00 to $5.00 for the two volumes, namely, $3.00 for the first volume and $2.00 for the second. The Board is of the opinion that this transaction and the reduction in the price of the Book of Concord will fully meet the difficulty that stood in the way of a wider circulation among our people.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

An Explanation of Luther's Small Catechism, by Rev. Dr. Stump, to

which reference was made in the Report two years ago, was ready for the market by December, 1907. It is meeting with general favor as is evidenced by the demand.

Explanation of the Common Service. This is in the form of questions and answers under each division. The book is printed in two colors, the Common Service portion appearing in red ink, while the explanatory part is in black ink. Two styles of binding have been provided.

The Second Volume of the Biography of Dr. Krauth, by the Rev. Dr. Spaeth. The Board has assumed the cost of publication, Dr. Spaeth kindly consenting to furnish the manuscript. It is expected that the book will appear at an early date.

Lutheran Movement in England, by Rev. Dr. Jacobs. This was originally published by the Lutheran Book Store, but with its discontinuance both bound and unbound stock on hand was disposed of to a second-hand dealer. The plates eventually became the property of the author. There is still a call for the book, and an edition bearing the imprint of the Board has been printed.

The Separated Life, by the Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D. A 12mo book of 208 pages, composed of a series of 20 sermons presenting a Biblical defence of the Divinity of Christ. Dr. Whitteker has assumed the cost of publication, while the Board is handling the sale of it. The author has brought out in a striking manner the Divinity of Christ as a separate life above the human, and those who read this publication will think more and not less of our Saviour.

Papers on Lutheran Church Music read before the Fifth Convocation of Church Musicians at Allentown, published in the October, 1908, number of the Church Review, were printed in pamphlet form for gratuitous distribution to organists and others who might be interested.

The Confessional Principle and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church as Embodying the Evangelical Confession of the Christian Church, by the Rev. Dr. Schmauk.

Owing to the importance of the subject and the urgent need of the discussion of the Confessional Question at this time, the Board after thorough consideration assumed the cost of issuing this book containing over a thousand pages. The manuscript was offered with no condition other than that the Board publish the book as one of its publications. It is voluminous and treats the subject in a manner not heretofore attempted in the English language. A prospectus was sent out announcing the appearance, within a short time, of this "new and important work of a standard character for the Clergy and Laymen of the Lutheran Church." The author needs no endorsement from the Board of Publication, because, in its judgment, this volume will be acknowledged as a standard of genuine Confessionalism in the Lutheran Church. It is the best, most thorough and profound, as well as the most valuable contribution that has thus far appeared from the pen of Dr. Schmauk. It will prove a suitable com-

panion to that master work of Dr. Krauth: "The Conservative Reformation and Its Theology."

In addition to these, the Minutes of the General Council, the Minutes both English and German of the Pennsylvania Ministerium, and of the Pacific Synod have all been printed by the Board of Publication.

The Catalogue of the Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, and the booklet in the interest of the Seamen's Mission at Hoboken, N. J., were also entrusted to the care of the Board, as well as a Manual of Prayer issued by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Mr. Bielinski, the associate pastor of St. Johannes Kirche, Philadelphia, feeling the necessity of an explanation of Luther's Small Catechism, suitable particularly for use in parochial schools, prepared such a Catechism. Having had an edition printed in excess of the demand in the parochial schools of the Church with which he is connected, he has placed the book on sale at the Publication House on a commission basis. The attention of our German pastors is directed to this simple exposition of the Catechism.

The manuscript prepared by Rev. Dr. Ochsenford, former Secretary of the General Council, of a book, entitled, "Documentary History of the General Council," containing fourteen chapters on the history of organization prior to the formation of the Council, a brief resume of the Thirty-one Conventions, Important Discussions, etc., has been offered to the Board for publication. The author desires the Board to publish the book upon the condition that after the cost of publication has been met by the sales, a royalty be paid him.

The publishing of the book will be quite expensive, but the matter contained in the volume is very important and would be a valuable addition to the Literature of the Church. Will the General Council authorize the Board to publish this work?

LUTHERAN CHOIR MUSIC.

Four anthems, entitled "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," "Shepherd of Israel," "Rejoice, Rejoice ye Christians," "Darkness Covered All the Earth," have been published in octavo form, suitable for Lutheran congregations, the copy having been provided by the Committee on Church Music.

In addition to these the music to the Responsories by Dr. Ohl as found in the School and Parish Service Book, together with additional ones, "For Other Times," not heretofore printed, making seventeen in all, have been issued complete in one pamphlet, similar in style to that of the Choir Music.

"Lighten Our Darkness," an evening hymn bearing the words of Collect No. 47, of the Church Book, by Geo. S. Opp, an anthem for use at Vespers, has also been published.

THE KIRCHENBUCH.

The Kirchenbuch is gradually coming into greater favor among churches using the German language. Since the last convention a number of con-

gregations have introduced the book, notably among which are three of the largest and most influential churches in Philadelphia. The pastors of these congregations bear testimony to the benefit derived, as well as to the limited objections against the use of the book, if the matter is properly presented. In order to facilitate the introduction of the Kirchenbuch, the Board is ready to make a very liberal introductory offer to congregations where the book is not in use.

THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY AND THE HOME MISSIONARY.

These papers are regularly issued under the business management of the Board. It may not be deemed out of place to state that these publications yield no profit to the Board. While the income swells the receipts, there is a corresponding expenditure with no percentage of gain.

The Almanac and Kalendar continue to be published. The demand for the former is steadily increasing, which is due no doubt to the vast amount of information contained in this publication. In view of the fact that the insertion of additional statistical and geographical matter, as directed by the General Council at its Convention in 1907 (See English Minutes, p. 217), increases the cost of manufacture very materially, the Board decided to raise the price to a small extent for the edition of 1910.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL GRADED APPARATUS.

The Board has continued to publish the Sunday-school Series without interruption since the last Convention, and has paid the same amounts at the same times as heretofore to the committee on Sunday-school Work for expenses incurred in the preparation of the necessary material.

The purchase of the "Jugendfreund," already referred to, was effected, and it is now a part of the German Sunday-school System. The Rev. Wm. Wackernagel, D.D., editor under the former ownership, was unanimously chosen to succeed himself, and accepted the appointment.

In the publication of a paper for the youth of the Church, the co-operation of the General Synod Sunday-school Board has been continued, each body keeping its issue under separate control. The General Synod House has also borne its share of publishing Pictureland, and has subscribed to a large number of the Picture Cards, entitled Sunrays, the companion publication to Pictureland for the children.

The Sunday-school Work Committee has elected the Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., Editor of "Young Folks" to succeed the Rev. G. W. Sandt, D.D., who felt that it was impossible for him to give the paper the attention it demands.

A new Catalogue setting forth the advantages of a Graded System in Sunday-school work, as well as giving a full description of our apparatus, has just been published. Pastors and Sunday-school workers will be cheerfully supplied with a copy upon request.

THE LUTHERAN.

The Committee appointed to adjust matters connected with the Editorial Management of "The Lutheran" recommended the appointment of Rev. Drs. Schmauk, Whitteker, and Hunton, as an Associate Editorial Staff. The appointment was approved, and in consequence the change in official relationship effected thereby, the Rev. Dr. Whitteker resigned as member of the Board to which he had been elected.

The Editor of "The Lutheran," recognizing his inability to give the paper the proper attention in all its departments, requested the Board to relieve Dr. Hunton of a portion of his time for the purpose of assisting him in his editorial work on "The Lutheran" and "Young Folks." The time requested was an equivalent of two days a week, which afterwards was increased to four days, with the understanding that it would be only provisional. This arrangement has somewhat interfered with the operation and the work of the office of Literature Secretary, to which Dr. Hunton had been called.

THE LUTHERAN as the official organ of the entire General Council is a necessity. Its influence as the leading representative of conservative Lutheranism is most wholesome and far-reaching. The Board of Publication and the Editorial Staff aim to strengthen and improve the paper so as to increase its usefulness and value to our Church and the religious world. To this end a brief statement is eminently desirable.

Changed conditions, and increased cost of production, which have forced other prominent papers out of existence, or necessitated contraction, have delayed the attainment of important advances planned, until we can strengthen this arm of the Church through a materially increased circulation. Fully realizing the difficulties, but recognizing the value of the Church paper, we would respectfully urge upon the General Council at this time the immediate necessity of action looking toward the securing of a wide general and local interest in increasing the circulation of THE LUTHERAN. If every congregation, regardless of language, synodical connection, or other periodicals circulated, were to look upon it as a duty to have THE LUTHERAN in every home, this would prove a leaven of interest and life to quicken the entire work of the General Council.

May we not ask that in every congregation six or more new subscriptions be secured? This would at once give THE LUTHERAN the circulation which would enable it to reach our *entire* General Council and the financial backing which would make the paper the representative paper the Church needs and compare favorably with other denominational representative papers, the majority of which are considerably higher in price.

Our pastors will find that their people in this age will read, and unless they introduce the Church paper, literature harmful to the spiritual life of the family will enter and injure their work. On the other hand, the Church paper will be a correspondence school on church work, and develop the local church life, proving a real assistant to the pastor. Let there be a strong "forward movement" for a great Church paper. The first step necessary is a larger circulation.

MATTERS IN GENERAL.

Very frequently requests are made for donations of books, etc., to aid institutions in connection with the General Council for raising money. These requests have invariably been declined.

Rev. E. C. Cronk, Publication Secretary of the Lutheran Board of Publication of the United Synod of the South, who has a very high regard for the Sunday-school Book with Music, and deems it the best obtainable, requested the Board to favor him with the loan of 100 copies for use at Sunday-school Conventions and at other gatherings. The Board being convinced of the fact that no better advertising could be obtained than to have the books used in this way, cheerfully granted the request.

At various times the attention of the Board has been directed to the desirability of establishing an agency at Chicago for the benefit and convenience of our churches there and farther West. While the Board feels the weight of the request and is in perfect sympathy with the desirability of such agencies, it does not see its way clear at present to enter into negotiations on account of the lack of means at its command.

The term of five members of the Board expires at this time, viz.: Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas, D.D., Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler, Ph.D., LL.D., Mr. James N. Mohr, Geo. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq., Mr. George D. Boschen. Also the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Dr. Whitteker should be filled at this time. This is for the unexpired period of two years.

FINANCIAL.

Continued success in its business operations made it possible to add $15,000 to the Sinking Fund, which now amounts to $24,600 towards the payment of the mortgage debt still resting on the property. A portion of the amount is invested in negotiable securities and the remainder in a Certificate of Deposit subject to check at two weeks' notice. The Receipts and Disbursements are given in the Report of the Treasurer, which follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

July 1, 1907, to June 30, 1909.

Receipts.

Cash Balance, June 30, 1907		$15,590.42
Cash from Sales of		
English Publications	$42,843.81	
German Publications	22,751.83	
Sunday-school Literature	$65,066.29	
The Lutheran	24,197.49	
Foreign Missionary	1,856.51	
Home Missionary	1,621.63	
Church Review	2,333.80	
Rent	3,986.67	
Interest	900.00	

Miscellaneous	$30,215.68	
		$195,773.71
Interest on Bank Balances		232.47
Total		$211,596.60

Disbursements.

Paper	$17,319.14	
Printing	55,277.77	
Binding	21,777.10	
Plates and Cuts	2,545.88	
Merchandise purchases	23,679.52	
Postage and Express	10,204.57	
Expenses for writers, editor, clerk hire, proof reading, etc., Sunday-school Work Committee	5,481.25	
Editorial and Canvassing Expenses, The Lutheran	6,096.35	
Other Editorial Expenses	389.87	
Transfer to Sinking Fund	24,600.00	
Salaries	20,598.51	
Stationery and Advertising	1,799.29	
Taxes and Water Rent	2,845.27	
Telephone Service	252.92	
Interest	2,651.66	
Insurance	403.97	
Type-writing Machine and Cabinet, Adding Machine, and other office furniture	475.65	
Shelving	90.42	
Coal	162.50	
Gas	213.45	
Repairs	235.59	
Boxes, Wrapping Paper and Twine	677.11	
Miscellaneous	481.19	
Total		$198,258.98
Leaving a balance of		$13,337.62

Geo. E. Schlegelmilch, *Treasurer.*

July 15, 1909.

RESOURCES.

Real estate, furniture, and office fixtures (The real estate is valued at $60,000.)	$59,642.39
Sinking Fund	24,600.00
Inventory	18,122.66
Electro Plates	7,524.49
Accounts receivable	24,885.60

Cash		$13,337.63
		$148,112.77

LIABILITIES.

Mortgage Loan	$30,000.00	
Accounts Payable	3,754.78	
		$33,754.78
Net Valuation		$114,357.99

Inasmuch as the auditing of the Accounts of the Treasurer and Business Manager in the various details required considerable time which could not be given by the Finance Committee, the services of Mr. Robert A. Wright, Public Accountant and Auditor, were employed to examine the books and vouchers of the Board. In his report in conformity with instructions he states that he has examined the cash and bank accounts of the Treasurer and Business Manager and certifies that the same are correct, and that the balance on hand and in bank at the close of business, June 30, 1909, was $13,337.62 as reported by your Treasurer, George S. Schlegelmilch, Esq.

SAM'L P. SADTLER,
JAMES G. FINLEY,
Committee.

August 30, 1909.

With the earnest desire to promote the interests of the General Council in general, and its publications in particular, and with a firm reliance on the help of God that He will deign to crown our efforts with continued success, this Report is

Respectfully submitted,
BY THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

ACTION ON THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION REPORT.

On motion of the Rev. H. A. Weller it was

Resolved, That the whole matter of the agreement with the Iowa Synod in point 3 be referred to the Board of Publication with power to act.

Committee: The Revs. S. G. Weiskotten, G. J. Gongaware, and Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch.

With reference to Dr. Ochsenford's documentary History it was on motion of the Rev. C. M. Jacobs

Resolved, That action be deferred until a similar item in the President's Report is presented.

See Part II in First Session.

The time of adjournment was extended to 5.30 P. M.

With reference to a Chicago Agency it was on motion

Resolved, That pastors and others interested in the establishment of Branch Houses of the General Council Publication Board meet the officers of the Publication Board during the noon recess.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Horn,

Resolved, That the Report of the Publication Board be adopted as a whole, except the two points referred.

Committee to nominate the Publication Board: Revs. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., and J. Fry, and Mr. W. S. Mohr.

In the Fifth Session they reported as follows:

Report of Committee to Nominate the Publication Board.—For Four Years: Rev. Dr. G. C. F. Haas, Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph.D., Jas. N. Mohr, G. E. Schlegelmilch, Geo. D. Boschen. (To fill vacancy) For Two Years: Rev. J. W. Horine.

J. E. Whitteker.
J. Fry.
W. S. Mohr.

In the Ninth Session the Rev. Dr. Sandt presented the following statement, which was ordered to be spread on the Minutes:

The "Lutheran's" Need.

The Lutheran is about to close its thirteenth year as the official organ of the General Council, and a brief word from its editor as to plans and prospects for the future would seem appropriate at this time. A movement is now under contemplation which looks to the enlargement and increased usefulness of the paper. This is called for by the present peculiar conditions that confront church journalism and make its tasks and problems more difficult and perplexing every year. It was possible a generation ago to edit a church paper with a comparatively small outlay of editorial resourcefulness and energy, but that day has passed. The church paper that hopes for a wide hearing must touch life, both ecclesiastical and secular, at many more points than was the case even a decade ago. It has a complexity of issues to meet in this day of popular religious restiveness and instability that is almost distressing. How to do this with the present space at our disposal and the present editorial help at our command is beyond the power of the editor to perceive. For some years certain hopes and plans for increased efficiency have been cherished by your editor, but their realization has thus far been rendered impossible for the lack of necessary resources in brains and funds.

We are not prepared to make any roseate promises as to what could be

done did we have at our command the time and energy of assistants otherwise overburdened with work and the funds necessary to pay for such help; it is enough to say that an earnest effort to enlarge the scope and increase the efficiency of the paper should now be made. To this end, it is imperative that a very general and persistent attempt should be made to add to the circulation of THE LUTHERAN thousands of names it does not now have. Every cent of its revenue is being devoted to its maintenance, and that revenue must be increased if improvements now under contemplation are to be made.

Among our English constituency we have not yet succeeded (as the Augustana has) in making subscription to a church paper a clearly recognized obligation—something to be taken for granted. On the contrary, great masses of our English-speaking people, who read other religious periodicals and magazines and are becoming impregnated with the anti-denominational spirit, are left undisturbed in their crass indifference to the very literature that is necessary to make them loyal and broad-minded churchmen, interested in the Church's welfare in its widest and best sense.

To them the church paper is a luxury and not a necessity, and unless the pastors can be brought to the conviction, that something heroic must be done to change this attitude of indifference toward the Church paper, no great advance in Church journalism can ever be expected until the paper is handsomely endowed.

What is urgently requested of this body, therefore, is that it do all in its power to create a more pronounced interest in the circulation of THE LUTHERAN. On this, as on nothing else, depends its enlarged usefulness.

GEO. W. SANDT.

On motion of Dr. Jacobs:

Resolved, That this Council testifies again to its confidence in "The Lutheran," gratefully acknowledges the importance of its work, and calls upon our pastors and members to do all in their power to contribute to its further circulation and efficiency.

Rev. M. Ruccius, President of the Manitoba Synod, offered prayer, and the Council adjourned.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 9 A. M.

The opening devotional service was conducted by the Rev. Emil Hoffmann, President of the Canada Synod. The Minutes of the First Session were read, corrected and adopted.

The presence of Dr. Grau, the General Synod Official Visitor, was announced.

The Rev. Dr. Belfour presented the Report of the Porto Rico Board, in manuscript, which, on motion, he was permitted to read in its entirety.

REPORT OF THE PORTO RICO MISSION BOARD.

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America:

During the past two years, our Porto Rico Mission Board has had many important items brought to its attention, and we have given them thoughtful and serious consideration, and often had occasion to regret that we had not the means at our command to meet all the requirements of the great work committed to us, and to make full use of the promising opportunities within our reach. However, we limited our efforts only by the measure of our means and ability.

But we had one very painful experience in the earlier part of the biennium,—the death of Mr. Thomas H. Lane, the Treasurer of our Board, a constant attendant, a wise counsellor, and one of the most prominent laymen in our Church in this country, remarkably well-informed on the doctrines and history of the Church, and wholly devoted to its interests and helpful in its work; and the Board exercised the authority of electing in his place, Mr. Charles W. Fuhr, as member of the Board and its Treasurer.

The health of our missionaries and their helpers has been very good generally, but with some exceptions. Miss May C. Mellander was compelled to rest for a while and seek medical treatment; but, by the grace of God she was enabled to resume her very important and fruitful work. And it may be well, at this point, to give some of the data and statistics of the mission, though the report of the senior missionary gives very full information in the same line:

Organized congregations, 5; 2 at San Juan, one English and one Spanish; Spanish congregations at Catano, Bayamon, and Toa Baja.

Mission Stations, 4; Palo Seco, Monacillo, Comerio St. in Bayamon and Dorado.

Sunday-schools, 8; one English, in San Juan, Spanish Sunday-schools in San Juan, Catano, Bayamon proper, Comerio St., Bayamon, Palo Seco, Toa Baja, and Dorado.

One Parochial and Mission School in Catano.

One Seminary for native male helpers in Catano.

American missionaries, five, of whom two are volunteers, Mrs. Ostrom and Miss Naomi Anderson.

Native helpers, 3—Gabriela Cuervos, Demetrio Texidor and Lorenzo Hurtado; Pascual Lopez not counted, because incapacitated by sickness.

Communicant membership at present, 232, a gain of 87. Total contributions from congregations and schools for two years, $876.78.

Regular attendance at Sunday-schools, estimated 550.

This is certainly a favorable presentation,—not only the congregation and Sunday-schools, but Parochial School, with 61 pupils,—the school house, by the side of the church, with the Bible as its chief text-book, the ideal Lutheran parish. And these people have been trained towards self-support and broad Christian charity, having sent contributions for our mission in India.

And the amount given for both purposes is large, when viewed in the light of their poverty. They have been taught to labor and give for the spread of the kingdom of God at home and abroad, which evinces the spirit of apostolic procedure. And the progress is the more worthy of grateful recognition on account of the adverse conditions and serious obstacles in the way,—rank heresies, unbelief, superstition, and gross immorality, the fruits of four hundred years of perversion and maladministration of Christianity.

And an important beginning has been made in the direction of providing Lutheran literature for the mission in the language of the island. The Rev. Mr. Ostrom has made admirable translations into Spanish of Luther's Small Catechism, the full Morning Service of the Church Book, and a popular tract, by the Rev. Dr. T. E. Schmauk, on the doctrines, history, and worship of the Lutheran Church.

Last May it became necessary for the Rev. Mr. Anderson to return to the States to recuperate his strength, which had been largely exhausted by his excessive labors. He will now return, with renewed vigor, to resume his work. Whilst here, he accomplished much in the interest of the mission, especially in securing funds and promises to aid in building a church in Bayamon. The brother has been very successful in his field, and duplicated the Rev. Mr. Ostrom's linguistic feat. When he had been five weeks on the island, he wrote and delivered his sermons in Spanish. to the entire satisfaction of the people, according to the statement of Rev. Mr. Ostrom.

A pleasant incident occurred some time ago. A large Swedish cruiser entered the harbor of Porto Rico, and our missionaries were invited on board and there held divine service in Swedish for the officers and men.

At the last meeting of this Council, the Board was authorized to appoint an agent to present the interests of the Mission to the churches and to collect money for the fund for building churches on the island. We at once began the effort to secure such an agent and persevered in it with all earnestness, but met many disappointments and did not succeed until last March, when the Rev. C. H. Hemsath consented to serve in that

capacity, and we elected him "Field Secretary" for the field in the East. We consider it a good fortune that his services have been secured, as he is especially fitted for the difficult and laborious task. He is now hard at work, and we appeal to our pastors and people to encourage and help him.

We here submit the very full report of our Senior Missionary, the Rev. Alfred Ostrom, as follows:

BIENNIAL REPORT.

To the Porto Rico Mission Board of the General Council,

The Rev. J. L. Smith, D.D., Secretary:

It is a great pleasure for me to comply with your request to give a brief report of our Porto Rico Mission work during the past two years, and to give the present status of our mission.

BRIEF TEN YEARS' HISTORY.

But I assure you, dear Doctor, that, as our mission is this year ten years old, the General Council officially taking over the field in September, 1899, one feels very much tempted to give a brief history of this period and rather present a decennial than a biennial report.

It was in the fall of 1898 that that patriotic and large-souled Lutheran Christian, the Augustana student Gustaf Sigfrid Swensson, felt it his Christian duty to heed the inward call to follow the advance of the Stars and Stripes in the interest of humanity in order to plant the still greater banner of the pure Gospel on the Island of Porto Rico. He arrived the first time in October, 1898. New Year's Day, 1899, the first Lutheran [illegible] service was held in Porto Rico and the first notes of that Gospel, as confessed by our Church, rang out, and has been sounding [illegible] since. His earnest appeal to the home Church to come to our help rather to the spiritual aid of a deluded, superstitious, ignorant, and perverted people, was at last listened to by the Board of Foreign Missions, who, in the spring of 1899, so nobly braved the situation, and called two seminary students of Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, to go to the island of Porto Rico after their ordination. This action on the part of the Board of Foreign Missions was officially ratified just ten years ago by the General Council at its convention in Chicago during the closing days of September, 1899, when the following motion, proposed by the Rev. Dr. Trabert, was unanimously carried: "Resolved, That the General Council approves the action of the Board of Foreign Missions in taking steps toward opening a field for missions in Porto Rico."

The Revs. H. F. Richards and B. F. Hankey arrived in Porto Rico, Oct. 29th, the same year. Mr. Swensson turned over to them the work he had begun, and continued to render valuable assistance to the mission till his departure for the States in September, 1901. During the summer of 1902 he filled the place of Rev. Mr. Richards on the field, when the latter en-

joyed a two months' furlough. Owing to ill health, Rev. Mr. Hankey left the mission field in May, 1901.

Rev. Mr. Richards served the mission till May 1, 1905. During his time three congregations were organized. The First English Lutheran Church, San Juan, was organized January 1, 1900, with 24 adults. Since then 108 have been added by confirmation, letter, or vote of the Church council; the losses by removal, death and "dropped," have been 49. The present communicant membership is 83. The Spanish St. Paul Church, San Juan, was organized April 15, 1900, by the confirmation of a class of four adults. Since then 62 have been confirmed, losses through deaths and dropped have been 12, making the present membership 54. The Spanish Church of the Divine Saviour was organized August 23, 1903, by the confirmation of ten adults, to which number 66 have been added by confirmation; the losses by death, removal and "dropped" have been 13. The present communicant membership is 63. Rev. Mr. Richards was assisted in his heavy work by his wife, after his marriage in July, 1901, and by the lady missionaries, Miss Annette Wahlstedt and Miss Clara E. Hazelgreen, the former serving the mission from February, 1901, until November, 1905, the latter from October, 1904, till April, 1907.

THE PRESENT MISSIONARY FORCE.

The undersigned and his wife arrived in Porto Rico in April, 1905, to continue the care of our mission after Rev. Mr. Richards left. Rev. A. P. G. Anderson came down in April, 1907, to divide the work and the responsibility. In October, 1906, Miss May C. Mellander was sent down to take charge of the parochial and mission school at Catano, and assist in the mission work in general. Our present native workers are three. Gabriela Cuervos has served as lady visitor since June, 1906. Demetrio Texidor and Lorenzo Hurtado entered the work, the former June, 1908, the latter March, 1909. Pascual Lopez entered the mission February, 1909, but after only a month's service had to retire from the work for the present on account of a serious illness. Miss Naomi Anderson, Rev. Mr. Anderson's sister, has assisted him in Bayamon since October, 1907.

THE FIELD.

While the senior missionary and his wife were on a furlough in the States during the summer of 1907, Rev. Mr. Anderson had charge of the whole field. Although having been on the island only five weeks, and unacquainted with the Spanish language when he came down, he entered upon his task with a determination and a will that surprised the whole mission. He wrote and delivered his Spanish sermons to the entire satisfaction of all. Upon the writer's return, Rev. Anderson with his sister moved to Bayamon. The field and responsibility were divided. Rev. Mr. Anderson has charge of Bayamon proper, Comerio St. Mission, Bayamon, the mission stations at Palo Seco and Monacillo, and preaches the Sunday

morning sermon at Catano. The senior missionary's charge are the two congregations, the English and the Spanish, at San Juan, the Catano congregation, and the two mission stations, Toa Baja and Dorado. Gabriela Cuervos makes regular visits in San Juan, Catano and Bayamon. Miss Mellander has charge of the school work and assists in the congregation in Catano, and leads the English Luther League at San Juan. The two native helpers, Demetrio Texidor and Lorenzo Hurtado, assist in the mission stations, Palo Seco, Toa Baja, and Dorado. Manuel Hidalgo, who entered the service in April, 1906, had charge of the mission stations of Palo Seco and Monacillo until Oct. 1, 1908, when his services were dispensed with. Rev. Mr. Anderson has since then been all alone in the "barrios" of Monacillo.

CONGREGATIONS.

The First English Lutheran Church, San Juan, holds its services on Sunday evenings and the Ladies' Aid Society has met on Tuesday evenings. The Luther League, organized in 1907, has held several meetings, the League being in charge of Miss Mellander. Sunday-school is held Sunday afternoons, Mrs. Ostrom having it in charge. As there are very few families in the English congregation, and the families that belong live so far away in Puerta de Tierra and Santurce, the attendance is small. July 1st, 1907, the communicant membership was 63. Additions, 30. Losses, 10. The present communicant membership, July 1, 1909, is 83. The total contributions in the congregation, the Ladies' Aid Society, Luther League, and Sunday-school during the past two years amount to $529.52.

La Iglesia Evangelica Luterana de San Pablo, San Juan, has Sunday morning services and weekly services on Thursday evenings. The Sunday-school holds its sessions on Sunday morning at nine o'clock. The communicant membership July 1st, 1907, was 37, July 1st, 1909, it was 54. The contributions during the last two years have amounted to $97.95.

La Iglesia Evangelica Luterana del Divino Salvador, Catano, is the only congregation that worships in a consecrated church edifice. Services are held Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. The Sunday-school meets at two o'clock in the afternoon. Since May 14th a class for Bible Study for the young people has met weekly under the direction of Miss May C. Mellander. The communicant membership of the congregation, July 1, 1907, was 46. Nineteen have been confirmed, one has died, and one has been "dropped," making the communicant membership, July 1, 1909, 63. The contributions during the same period have amounted to $95.55. The Parochial and Mission School at Catano has been under the efficient care and charge of Miss Mellander. The income from the school during the last two years has been $62.56. The school enrollment during the last school year has been 61. Since the first week in March this year, Miss Leonor Shaw, a member of the Catano congregation, has assisted Miss Mellander in the school.

During the last two years two new congregations have been added:

La Iglesia Evangelica Luterana de la Santisima Trinidad was organized July 15, 1908, at Bayamon, with the confirmation of 13 adults and reception of two by letter. The mission was begun October 28, 1906. Since then 13 more have been added, making the communicant membership July 1, 1909, 30. The congregation holds its services Sunday evenings and Wednesday evenings, and the Sunday-school meets at 3:30 p. m. The contributions at the services and Sunday-school since the organization are $77.01.

La Iglesia Evangelica Luterana de San Pedro was formed at Toa Baja June 29, 1909, by the confirmation of four young people. Mission work was begun there in August last year. After Christmas, a catechetical class was formed. Of the eleven enrolled only four could be confirmed. Services are held Sunday evenings and Tuesday evenings, and the Sunday-school has met Sunday mornings, at 10 o'clock. Demetrio Texidor has had charge of this mission as well as Dorado, since the beginning of the work at these places, until May 1st, when he was transferred to Bayamon to be with Brother Anderson and learn his field, preparatory to taking charge of it, upon Brother Anderson's furlough to the States, May 2[illegible] this year. Since June 1st, Lorenzo Hurtado has had charge of Toa Baja and Dorado.

MISSION STATIONS.

At the Mission Stations, *Monacillo,* a country district, and *Palo Seco,* the former established in April, 1906, the latter in October, 1906, we hope soon to organize congregations. Besides the already mentioned Toa Baja Mission, two others have been established during the last two years. On Thanksgiving Day, 1907, Rev. Mr. Anderson began work on *Comerio St., Bayamon,* a densely populated district about a mile and a half from Bayamon proper. Services on Thursday evenings and Sunday-school at 4:00 p. m., have been held by Rev. Mr. Anderson. A chapel has been built at this station and was dedicated January 15th, this year. Already eight adults from this mission have been confirmed in the Bayamon congregation. The contributions have amounted to $14.19. *Dorado* was entered in August, 1908, and a catechetical class is being instructed, which will soon be confirmed. Services are held on Monday evenings and Sunday-school on Sunday afternoons.

SEMINARY FOR NATIVE HELPERS.

Early last year the Board was petitioned to allow the ordained pastors to select three young men to train and instruct them with the aim in view of making them efficient native co-laborers. Two young men were selected from the Catano congregation and instruction began March, 1908. Besides receiving instruction they were assisting at the mission stations. But those two soon tired of the work, the one leaving in August last year, the other in February this year. Demetrio Texidor was enrolled June 1st, last year, and Lorenzo Hurtado March 1st, this year. These men have given us good satisfaction, and it may be stated that Demetrio Texidor has proven him-

self to be a very good student and an efficient worker, in whom we place much confidence. They are both members of the Catano congregation. Pescual Lopez, from the Bayamon congregation, joined the class in February this year, but after a month had to retire because of a serious illness. Demetrio Texidor and Lorenzo Hurtado have so far received two days' instruction a week, in the following courses: A full explanation of Luther's Catechism, Barth's Bible History, Life of Christ by Stalker, Life of Paul by Stalker, Bible Facts and Scenes, Isagogics and Dogmatics, and Homiletics.

SERVICES.

Our services have in all the congregations been very well attended, and especially do we rejoice to see so many children not only at the Sunday-schools, but also at the regular services. At certain seasons there is some decrease in the attendance, but when the cooler months set in, our places are well filled. The English congregation has given us special encouragement. The communion is administered, as a rule, every two months, and a goodly number commune each time.

SUMMARY.

Organized congregations, 5; two at San Juan, one English and one Spanish; Spanish congregations at Catano, Bayamon and Toa Baja.

Mission Stations, 4; Palo Seco, Monacillo, Comerio St., Bayamon, Dorado.

Sunday-schools, 8. One English at San Juan, Spanish Sunday-schools at San Juan, Catano, Bayamon proper, Comerio St., Bayamon, Palo Seco, Toa Baja and Dorado.

One Parochial and Mission School at Catano.

One Seminary for Native Male Helpers at Catano.

American Missionaries, 5: Rev. and Mrs. Ostrom, Rev. Anderson and his sister, Naomi Anderson, Miss May C. Mellander.

Native Helpers, 3: Gabriela Cuervos, Demetrio Texidor and Lorenzo Hurtado, Pascual Lopez, being incapacitated for service on account of illness.

Communicant membership July 1, 1907, 146.

Additions by confirmation 91, by letter 9, total 100.

Losses, deaths, 5; "dropped," 8; letter of removal, 1; total, 14.

Net increase during the last two years, 86 communicants.

Communicant membership July 1, 1909, 232.

Total income from the congregations, Sunday-schools and Parochial School during the last two years, $876.78.

Regular attendants at the Sunday-schools, estimated, 550.

PROSPECTS.

Porto Rico is a very hard field. A de-Christianized people is the hardest to bring back to the simple Gospel. On the part of the missionaries it re-

quires much faith, prayer, patience, and constancy. It is the seed-time as yet. Our hope must rest in the Christian training of the children in the admonition and fear of the Lord. The aggressive work of the Protestantism has already awakened the Roman Catholic Church to more activity and a better standard in morals. Our greatest enemies are the superstitions of the people and the demoniacal cult called Spiritism, which completely deranges the mind and soul of the people. This cult has a wonderful hold of the people. Still, the Gospel of Christ has an inherent power that shall conquer, wherever it is allowed to enter. What is required is earnest work, faith in the Lord, and a consecrated, godly life, living the Gospel. Protestantism is stronger today than ever before.

OUR NEEDS.

Our immediate need is a church in San Juan. We are still worshiping in the "upper room" of a second story for which we pay a rental of $65 a month. We rejoice to know that telling steps are being taken in the States, through the solicitations of the Rev. C. H. Hemsath, for the realization of our cherished hopes. We need a Church also at Bayamon, where our present quarters are not adequate to comfortably take care of the worshipers and the growing Sunday-school. Then we should fortify our mission stations with churches, from which may go out a wholesome influence from holy environments. It is by no means conducive to much spirituality to worship in rooms not at all adapted to churchly needs. We need to extend to other cities; but before we can do so, we should have also [illegible] ordained pastor on the field. In the meantime, we must also [illegible] g men for the preaching of the Gospel. W[illegible]

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Your [illegible]

(Sig[illegible])

San Juan, Porto Rico, July 28, 1909.

All must agree that this Report furnishes material for serious thought and incentive to vigorous effort in behalf of the Mission. There is an open door before us and clearly a call from God to enter in and gather the ripe harvest. The people are ready for the Gospel, as may be gathered from the results already attained by the labors of Protestant Missionaries since the island was opened to them in 1898. The statistics now show 127 pastors, 128 teachers and helpers, 472 mission stations, 137 organized congregations, 8,800 communicant members, 177 Sunday-schools with 10,326 members, 44 day schools with 2,291 scholars, 86 church edifices, 40 other buildings—hospitals, orphanages, schools, and parsonages; $15,367.07 gathered on the field during the year 1907, and church property valued at

$496,451. These are wonderful results attained in Porto Rico, until eleven years ago exclusively a Roman Catholic country, where no Protestant service could be held and no Bible could be found or would have been permitted in private hands.

And in view of all these facts now before the Council, we emphasize the needs of the hour. We must strengthen our positions already occupied by building churches and chapels and increasing the number of laborers. At least one additional ordained missionary should be sent, without delay, to re-enforce those on the ground. And we must have a "Field Secretary" to labor in the West, where he would be cordially met and encouraged. It it impossible for one man to cover the whole field.

And, in conclusion, the Board requests:

1. That an appropriation of $18,000 per year be made for the next two years for the support of the Porto Rico Mission.

2. That a committee be appointed to apportion this amount to the Synods of the Council.

3. That the day for the taking of offerings for the Porto Rico Mission be changed to the First Sunday in Advent.

The Treasurer's Report is ready for presentation.

For the Board,

EDMUND BELFOUR, *President.*

Mr. C. W. Fuhr presented the audited

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE PORTO RICO MISSION BOARD.

Report of the Treasurer of the Porto Rico Mission Board from Sept. 2, 1907, to Nov. 19, 1907, as per records of Mr. Thos. H. Lane.

Receipts.

Sept. 2, 1907. Balance	$1,509 84
Rec'd Ministerium of Pennsylvania	419 29
" Pittsburgh Synod	306 29
" Augustana Synod	564 15
" New York and New England Synod	40 00
" Synod of the Northwest	34 54
" Nova Scotia Synod	20 00
	$2,894 11

Disbursements.

Paid on salaries	$ 533 31
Paid on Rents	127 74
Paid for traveling expenses	120 00
Balance on Hand	2,113 06
	$2,894 11

TREASURER'S REPORT, NOV. 19, 1907, TO AUG. 30, 1909.

To the Porto Rico Mission Board of the General Council of the Evan. Lutheran Church:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit the following report as a correct statement of all moneys handled by me from Nov. 19, 1907, to Aug. 30, 1909:

Receipts.

Rec'd from former Treasurer, Mr. Thos. H. Lane...		$ 2,113 06
Rec'd from Pittsburgh Synod for General Fund....		1,496 90
Rec'd from Pittsburgh Synod for General Fund.....		1,190 67
Rec'd from Ministerium of Penna. General Fund....	$2,922 62	
Building Fund...	79 45	
Special objects...	119 82	
		3,121 89
Rec'd from Augustana Synod, General Fund	$3,349 85	
Building Fund.....	476 08	
Special Objects	50 00	
		3,875 93
Rec'd from N. Y. and New England Synod, Gen. Fund	$ 570 19	
Building Fund	204 51	
Special objects	12 00	
		786 70
Rec'd from Synod of the Northwest, General Fund..		430 05
Rec'd from Nova Scotia Synod, General Fund.....	$66 62	
Building Fund.....	30 84	
		97 46
Rec'd from District Synod of Ohio, General Fund....	$72 15	
Building Fund.....	28 85	
		101 00
Rec'd from Chicago Synod, General Fund		449 00
Rec'd from New York Ministerium, General Fund....		42 00
Rec'd from Iowa Synod, General Fund		1 00
Rec'd from congregations and individuals not reporting through Synodical Treasurers, General Fund.	$511 54	
Building Fund	197 13	
		708 67
Rec'd Interest on Funds		199 42
		$13,116 85

Disbursements.

Paid for salaries	$7,112 61
Paid for rents	1,888 28
Paid for expenses of Missions	984 43
Paid for expenses of Missionaries and Field Secretary.....	658 10
Paid for postage and stationery	63 48
Paid for Camerio St., Bayamon, Chapel	500 00

Paid for lot at Palo Seco	$ 150 00
Paid to Missionaries. Special contributions	15 00
Balance on hand	1,744 95
	$13,116 85

Funds Invested.

Two $1,000 Bonds of the Ft. Wayne & Wabash Valley Traction Co.

RECAPITULATION, SEPT. 2, 1907-AUG. 30, 1909.

Balance on hand, Sept. 2, 1907	$ 1,509 84
Received for General Fund	10,420 27
Received for Building Fund	1,586 55
Received for Special Objects	181 82
Received Interest	199 42
	$13,897 90
Balance in Building Fund	$1,586 55
Balance in Special Fund	160 82
General Fund overdrawn	2 22

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. FUHR, *Treasurer.*

Pittsburgh, Pa., September 1, 1909.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 7, 1909.

The above account examined and found correct.

W. WARREN WATTLES.
W. STEINMEYER.

The Treasurer was given permission to insert the amounts pai by the various Synods.

Under Item 1, of the above Report, concerning the apportionment, it was, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Fry,

Resolved, That a Committee on Budget be appointed to whom a[illegible] appropriations asked for by the various Boards and Committees be [illegible] who shall report the equitable amount to be appropriated to each [illegible] the General Council.

At the Third Session, on motion of Rev. Dr. Miller,

Resolved, That the Porto Rico appropriation be changed to $16,500, to conform to the Report of the Budget Committee.

On motion of the Rev. E. F. Bachmann, it was

Resolved, That all Boards asking appropriations for their work submit such requests to the Committee on Budget now to be appointed, and that said Committee report on Monday morning.

Committee: Messrs. William H. Hager, W. Warren Wattles, and A. C. Albrecht.

Under the third item, on motion,

Resolved, That the First Sunday in Advent be designated as the day for offerings for Porto Rico Mission work.

The Report of the Porto Rico Mission Board was adopted as a whole.

In the Fifth Session the Rev. Dr. Miller presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PORTO RICO MISSION APPORTIONMENT.

Your Committee would respectfully report: 1. That the apportionment for the next biennium be $16,500 per annum. 2. That it be apportioned among the Synods as follows:

Augustana Synod	$4,168 00
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	4,168 00
Pittsburgh Synod	2,000 00
Ministerium of New York	1,668 00
District Synod of Ohio	1,334 00
New York and New England Synod	1,168 00
Chicago Synod	1,000 00
English Synod of the Northwest	834 00
Pacific Synod	82 00
Nova Scotia Synod	42 00
Synod of Central Canada	36 00
	$16,500 00

The Report was adopted as a whole.

ELECTION OF TREASURER AND THANKS TO EX-TREASURER.

The election of the Treasurer of the General Council was announced.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Fry, it was unanimously

Resolved, That we put upon record our appreciation of the long-continued, efficient, and faithful services of the Hon. William H. Staake, as Treasurer of the General Council, since 1876, and that the English Corresponding Secretary be instructed to communicate this action to Judge Staake.

NOMINATING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Committees:

To Nominate Trustees: The Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss, D.D., and Mr. Jas. M. Snyder.

To Nominate the Porto Rico Board: The Rev. M. C. Ranseen, D.D., and Mr. W. H. Hager.

The Rev. L. D. Reed, secretary, presented the

REPORT OF THE CHURCH BOOK COMMITTEE.

The Church Book Committee met April 23, 1908, and February 18, 1909, at the Seminary, Mt. Airy. The following report is respectfully submitted:

Referred Questions.

I. MANN-KROTEL CATECHISM.

Regarding the proposed revision of the Mann-Krotel Catechism (Minutes 1905, pp. 168-9; 1907, 243, 259), the Committee reaffirms its recommendation that the text in use in the Church Book be retained for the present. The Committee does not regard it as within its province to enter upon a revision.

II. MISSION BOOK.

The Council at its last convention (Minutes p. 259), in its desire to provide a "Mission Book," resolved

"That the present Sunday School Book, with words and music, have the Morning Service, including the Order for Holy Communion, the Vesper Service, and the Introits and Collects, as found in the Church Book, prefixed, and additional hymns proper for the Communion and Burial Services, affixed to the present body of the Book." The Church Book Committee was further authorized to prepare a Preface, select a name for the book and submit it to the Publication Board for publication.

The Committee has prepared the book for publication according to instructions, suggesting the name "Sunday School and Service Book" for it. Inasmuch, however, as important changes in the text of the Liturgy will be considered by this convention, the Committee felt that it would be unwise to print an edition before the text of the Liturgy was finally determined. Full discussion also showed that the Committee was unanimous in the opinion that it would be a grave mistake to publish the book at all according to the present plan. For these reasons it was resolved to submit the manuscript of the book and the whole question of its publication to this convention of the General Council.

III. LITURGICAL LESSONS IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Concerning the question of providing a series of lessons on Christian Worship, the Liturgy, Psalms and Hymns and other liturgical subjects "which may be regarded as additional to the Graded Course" (Minutes 1905, pp. 169, 173), the Committee reports that inasmuch as a work has ap-

peared in questions and answers on the Common Service ("Explanation of the Common Service") since this question was referred to the Church Book Committee, the Committee does not deem it necessary to take further action.

The recommendations of the Committee on the variations in the Common Service and the Kirchenbuch Rubrics were printed in the Minutes of 1907 and are now reprinted in this report. The Committee makes the following additional recommendations, which are also incorporated in brackets in the reprinted items.

Section IV, items 6, 12 and 86, recommendation rescinded, thus retaining All Saints' Day, inasmuch as it is generally observed in our Swedish Churches. Item 95, add Psalms 38 and 102 (Penitential) and Psalms 127 and 128 (Marriage) to the Church Book selection and provide for their use in the Table of Psalms.

The Committee recommends to the Council the following disposition of the items in sections IV and V of this Report:—

1. That the items suggesting changes which will conform the Church Book to the Standard, viz., Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 14, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 35, 36, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 47, 49, 50, 53, 54, 57, 58, 60, 61, 63, 66, 71, 72, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79, 81, 83, 84, 85, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 98, be adopted.

2. That the items recommending changes which will conform the Church Book and the Kirchenbuch to each other, viz., Nos. 3, 15, and the seventeen items of section V be adopted.

3. That items retaining minor variations in headings, rubrics, etc., and typographical matters and items recommending minor changes of a similar character (viz., Nos. 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 22, 23, 28, 32, 33, 34, 37, 39, 48, 52, 55, 59, 62, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 75, 80, 82, 86) be referred to the Committee with power to act.

4. That the Council discuss in detail only the other relatively important recommendations (viz., Nos. 17, 18, 19, 44, 46, 51, 56, 87, 88, 95), unless separate items in the three preceding classes be specifically requested.

IV. VARIATIONS IN THE COMMON SERVICE.

The General Council referred the following resolution of the Pennsylvania Ministerium to the Committee:

"Inasmuch as the Common Service as published by the General Council varies from that which was adopted by the Joint Committee, and inasmuch as the several editions in the hands of our people do not agree—all of

such variations tending to defeat the purpose of the Common Service as expressed in the Preface of the Church Book (p. x, lines 8, 20), and cause confusion among our people, therefore,

Resolved, That we ask the Ministerium to memorialize the General Council to publish the Common Service as it was adopted by the Joint Committee."

This matter has received prolonged and most careful consideration. The report will show the earnest desire of the Committee to carry out the spirit of the resolution as fully as possible. All the changes recommended are, except when otherwise specified, returns to the Standard Edition. Where the retention of old variations or the creation of new ones is recommended, these are indicated by a star (*) and a double star (**) respectively.

The following are the recommendations:

1. Sub-title page (to follow Table of Contents),

THE COMMON SERVICE

FOR THE USE OF

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS.

2. The Preface prepared by the Rev. Dr. Beale M. Schmucker, which, while not formally adopted by the Joint Committee, was printed in the edition of the United Synod in the South. The present Church Book Preface presents practically the same material but with many verbal changes.

3. Insert a similar Preface in the Kirchenbuch.

4. Page xii, Chief Festivals, after "The Circumcision of Christ" add "——— New Year."

5. Minor Festivals, after "The Presentation of Christ" omit "in the Temple."

[*]6. Omit "All Saints' Day . . . . November 1." [Rescinded.]

*7. Page xiii (Rules) retain, "All the *Moveable Festivals* except *Advent* depend upon *Easter,*" instead of "The *Moveable Festivals* all depend upon *Easter* except *Advent.*" (Standard.)

8. Read "*Holy Thursday* is the *Thursday* before *Easter.*"
"*Good Friday* is the *Friday* before *Easter.*"
Instead of
"*Holy Thursday* and *Good Friday* are, etc."

*9. Retain, "Table of the Moveable Festivals, according to the several days on which Easter can possibly fall," instead of, "several days that Easter can possibly fall upon."

*10. Page xvi (Table of Epistles and Gospels), retain "Reformation."

*11. Heading "Apostles' Days and Other Minor Festivals," omit "Observed in some parts of the Lutheran Church."

[*]12. Same list, omit "All Saints' Day." [Rescinded.]

13. No "Table of Scripture Lessons for the Sundays and Festivals of the Church Year" was adopted by the Joint Committee. The United Synod and the Kirchenbuch give the old Table of the earlier editions of the Church Book. The present Church Book Table is a revised one. The General Synod gives an entirely different one. The Committee recommends no change for the present.

14. Page xviii, for "Lessons for Morning and Evening throughout the Year," read "A Table of Lessons for Morning, etc."

15. Insert this Table in the Kirchenbuch.

*16. Retain first paragraph, but change to read "These Lessons may be used at daily Matins and Vespers, or at the Morning and Evening Prayer of the Household."

**17. Page xxviii, retain the text of 1 Cor. 14:40. Also insert before this the text of Eph. 4:4-6, as in the Kirchenbuch.

**18. Page 1, Heading, read "Order of the Service, or the Communion," instead of "The Order of Morning Service, or the Communion" (Standard), or "The Morning Service" (Church Book).

**19. For running heads, read "The Service, or the Communion." (Standard, "Morning Service, or the Communion." Church Book, "The Morning Service.")

20. Page 1, second rubric, read ¶ *The Congregation shall rise, and the Minister, standing at the Altar, shall say:*

instead of

¶*The Minister, standing before the Altar, shall begin the Service as here followeth, the Congregation standing.*

21. Insert heading, "The Confession of Sins."

**22. Omit rubric, ¶ *Then shall be said the* Confession of Sins, *as here followeth.*

*23. Retain rubric, ¶ *The Minister shall say:*

24. Omit heading, The Versicle.

25. Page 2, (Confiteor), second rubric, read ¶ *The Congregation shall say with the Minister:* instead of ¶ *The Congregation may then say, etc.*

26. Print the "Amen" with the second paragraph of the Confession, and omit rubric ¶ *Then shall the Congregation sing or say:* (Thus, "..... through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.")

27. Declaration of Grace, read

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and hath given [*and given*] His Only Son to die for us . . . . . He giveth power [*He also giveth power*] to become the sons of God, and hath promised them [*bestoweth upon them*] His Holy Spirit. . . . . .

* Retain final variation, "Grant this, O Lord, unto us all," instead of "Grant this, Lord, unto us all," because of the rhythm of the language.

**28. Indicate separation between the Confiteor and the Service proper by a space and a short line.

29. Page 3, Introit, second rubric, Standard form with addition in second clause, *or sung by the choir.*

STANDARD.	CHURCH BOOK.
¶*The* Introit *with the* Gloria Patri *may be sung by the choir; or the* Introit *may be said by the Minister,* [*or sung by the choir*]*,and the* Gloria Patri *sung or said by the Congregation. Instead of the* Introit *a Psalm or a Hymn may be used.*	¶*The* Introit *may be said by the Minister, and the* Gloria Patri *sung or said by the Congregation; or the* Introit *and* Gloria Patri *may be sung or said responsively. After the* Gloria Patri, *the* Introit *may be repeated as far as the Psalm. Instead of the* Introit, *a Psalm or Hymn may be used.*

30. Page 4, read

¶*Then shall be sung the* Gloria in Excelsis *as here followeth. Instead of the* Gloria in Excelsis, *another Canticle or Hymn of Praise may be sung, except on Festival days, and when there is a Communion.*

31. Page 5, read

¶ *Then shall the* Hallelujah *be sung or said, except in the Passion Season.*

**32. Page 6, read

¶ *Instead of the simple* Hallelujah, *a* Sentence *for the Season of the Church-Year may be sung with it; or a Hymn may be sung after the* Hallelujah *by the Congregation, or a* Gradual *of the Season by the choir.*

Instead of

or a Psalm or Hymn may be sung after the Hallelujah (Standard) ; and, *or a Psalm, Canticle or Hymn, etc.* (Church Book).

*33. Page 7, (Gospel) retain ¶ *The Congregation shall rise and sing or say:* (Glory be to Thee, O Lord.)

Instead of

¶ *The Congregation may sing or say:* and later, *the Congregation shall stand up, unless they have stood at the reading of the Gospel, etc.*

**34. Page 9, read, ¶ *The Sermon ended, the Congregation shall stand up, and the Minister shall say:*

Instead of

the Congregation standing up (Standard), and *the Congregation standing* (Church Book).

35. Page 9, order of parts,

Offertory, Offerings, General Prayer

Instead of

Offertory, General Prayer, Offerings.

36. Standard rubrics for these parts, as follows:

¶ *The Offertory shall then be sung, at the close of which the Congregation shall be seated.*

¶ *One of the Offertories here following, or any other suitable Offertory, may be used.*

¶ *The Offerings shall be gathered and brought to the Minister, who shall place them on the Altar.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister make mention of any special petitions, intercessions or thanksgivings which may have been requested. He may also make mention of the death of any member of the Congregation.*

¶ *Then shall follow the* General Prayer. *The Prayer here following may be used; or, if there be no Communion, the* Litany, *or a selection from the* Collects *and* Prayers, *or any other suitable Prayer.*

*37. Page 13, after General Prayer, retain rubric *Any needful announcements may then be made.*

38. Standard rubrics for Hymn and Benediction.

STANDARD.	CHURCH BOOK.
¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn.* ¶ *If there be no Communion, a Doxology may be sung, and the Minister, standing at the Altar, shall pronounce the* Benediction.	¶ *A Hymn shall then be sung, which, if there be no Communion, shall close with a Doxology; after which the Minister, standing before the Altar, shall pronounce* THE BENEDICTION.

*39. Retain separate rubric for silent prayer after the Benediction. *The Congregation should then offer silent prayer.*

40. Place short lines before and after the Benediction to indicate that this is not its normal place, which is at the end of the entire Service.

41. Page 14, omit heading THE HOLY COMMUNION.

42. First rubric, Standard form.

STANDARD.	CHURCH BOOK.
¶ *While the Hymn is sung, the Minister shall go to the Altar, make ready the Communion vessels, and prepare for the administration of the* Holy Communion.	¶ *While the Hymn after the* General Prayer *is being sung, the Minister shall go to the Altar and prepare for the administration of the Holy Sacrament.*

43. Second rubric, read

¶ *The Hymn ended, the Congregation shall rise, and stand to the end of the* Agnus Dei.

Instead of

¶ *The Hymn ended, the Congregation shall stand until the distribution begin.*

**44. Immediately before the *Vere dignum* (It is truly meet, etc.), insert rubric, *Then the Minister, turning to the Altar, shall say:* transferring this rubric from its present place before the Lord's Prayer.

45. Rubric, read,

¶ *Here shall follow the* Proper Preface, *according to the time, if there be any specially appointed, or else immediately shall follow,* Therefore with Angels, etc.

Instead of

¶ *Then shall follow the* Proper Preface, *according to the time, as here given. At other times shall follow immediately,*

**46. Page 15, Proper Preface, for the Epiphany Season, as follows: Because, when Thine Only-begotten Son was made manifest in the body of our mortality, He restored us by the new light of His immortality. Therefore, etc.

47. Page 16, 17, text of Exhortation to conform to Standard.

STANDARD.	CHURCH BOOK.
we shall find nothing in us but only sin and death,	we shall find in us nothing but sin and death,
in a cheerful obedience to His holy will.	in cheerful obedience to His will,
in which He feedeth us with His Body, and giveth us to drink of His Blood.	in which He giveth us His Body to eat, and His Blood to drink.

**48. Print the Exhortation in smaller type, with a short line before and a line after it.

Before it this rubric, ¶ *Then may the Minister, turning to the people, give this* Exhortation.

After the Exhortation and before the line ¶ *Then the Minister facing the Altar, shall say:*

49. Page 18, 19, text of Verba to conform to Standard.

STANDARD.	CHURCH BOOK.
After the same manner, also, He took the cup, when He had supped, and when He had given thanks,	After the same manner, also, when He had supped, He took the cup, and when . . . .
this do, as oft as ye drink it.	this do ye, as oft as ye drink it,

50. Order of parts, Pax (without Amen) and Agnus, to conform to Standard, but retain separate rubrics for Agnus and for Distribution.

STANDARD.	CHURCH BOOK.
The Peace of the Lord be with you alway.	O Christ, Thou Lamb of God . . .
¶ *Then shall be sung or said the*	¶ *Then shall the Minister, turning to the Congregation, say:*

Agnus Dei *and the distribution shall begin.*
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God . . .

The Peace of the Lord be with you alway.
¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say:*
Amen.
¶ *Then shall the Distribution begin.*

*51. Page 20, Formula for Dismissal, retain "strengthen and preserve you in true faith," instead of "in the true faith."

*52. Retain rubric, ¶ *When all have communed, the Minister shall cover what remaineth of the Bread and Wine,* instead of . . . . *shall reverently cover* . . . .

53. Page 21, text of Thanksgiving Collect conform to Standard.

STANDARD.	CHURCH BOOK.
We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee, that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us	We thank Thee, Lord God Almighty, that Thou hast vouchsafed to refresh us with this Thy salutary gift; and we beseech Thee, of Thy mercy, to strengthen us . . . .

54. Rubric and heading conform to Standard.

STANDARD.	CHURCH BOOK.
¶ *Then may be sung or said the* BENEDICAMUS.	¶ *Then may be sung or said the* Salutation *and* Benedicamus, *as here followeth.*

*55. Retain rubric for Benediction, ¶*Then shall the Minister pronounce* [Aaronic Benediction],
Instead of
¶*Then shall the Minister say the* Benediction *as here followeth* [Aaronic], *or he may say the words* 2 Cor. 13:14.

*56. Retain order 1. Matins, 2. Vespers, instead of reverse order of Standard.

57. Page 29, read
THE ORDER OF EVENING SERVICE, OR VESPERS.
Instead of
EVENING SERVICE, OR VESPERS.

58. Second rubric to conform to Standard—
¶ *Then shall be sung or said responsively the* Versicle *with the* Gloria Patri *as here followeth, all standing to the end of the* Psalm.
Instead of
¶ *Then shall be sung, or said, the* Versicle *and the* Gloria Patri, *etc.*

*59. Retain heading THE VERSICLE.

60. Omit "O Lord, open Thou my lips.
And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise."

61. Rubric, read ¶ *During the Passion Season the* Hallelujah *shall be omitted.* Instead of *is omitted.*

*62. Retain rubric ¶ *At the end of each* Psalm *the Congregation shall sing or say:* and retain full text of the Gloria Patri.

Instead of

Standard rubric, ¶ *At the end of the* Psalm *the* Gloria Patri *shall be sung.* (No text given.)

63. Page 30, form of Lesson rubrics and Response to conform to Standard, as follows:

STANDARD.	CHURCH BOOK.
THE LESSON.	¶ *Then shall follow* THE LESSON.
¶ *The* Scripture Lessons *shall then be read, and after each* Lesson *may be sung or said:* But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. *Thanks be to God.*	¶ *One or more* Scripture Lessons *shall be read; and after each* Lesson *may be sung or said:* O Lord, have mercy upon us. *Thanks be to Thee, O God.*

**64. Rubric, read

¶ *After the* Lessons, *a* Responsory *or a Hymn may be sung.*

Instead of Standard,

¶ *After the* Lessons *a* Responsory *may be sung.*

And the Church Book,

¶ *After the last* Lesson, *a* Responsory *or a Hymn may be sung.*

*65. Retain Church Book.

¶ *Then may follow*

A SERMON.

¶ *Then may the Offerings be gathered and placed upon the Altar.*

Instead of Standard,

¶ *Then may follow a* SERMON, *after which the Offerings may be gathered.*

66. Rubric, read

¶ *Then, all standing, may be sung or said this* Versicle. *But on Festival Days, a special* Versicle *may be used.*

Instead of

¶ *Then, all standing to the end of the Prayer, the following* Versicle *may be sung or said. Etc.*

**67. (The Canticle.)

¶*Either the* Magnificat, *or the* Nunc Dimittis, *shall be sung. An* Antiphon *may be sung with the* Canticle.

Instead of Standard,

¶ *Then shall be sung the*

MAGNIFICAT (text).

¶ *Or the*

NUNC DIMITTIS (text).

And the Church Book,

¶*Either the* Magnificat, *or the* Nunc Dimittis, *may be used.*

**68. Omit Scripture reference for Canticle (Luke 1, St. Luke 2).

**69. Page 32, rubric read

¶ *The* Prayers *here following shall be said, etc.*

Instead of Standard and Church Book,

¶ *Then shall be said the* Prayers *here following, etc.*

*70. Retain rubric,

¶ *Then may be sung or said:* (Salutation).

71. Collect rubrics conform to the Standard in text except omit *"any"* (*other* Collects). Divide into three rubrics, as in Church Book.

¶ *Then shall be said the* Collect *for the Day.*

¶ *The* Collect *for the Sunday is said throughout the week following until Friday, but on Saturday the* Collect *for the following Sunday is said.*

¶ *Then may be said* [*any*] *other* Collects, *and after that this* Collect *for Peace. A* Versicle *may be used with the* Collect.

72. Page 33, read

¶ *The Service may end with the* Benedicamus, *etc.*

Instead of

¶ *This may end the Service, etc.*

73. Benediction, read

The Grace of the [our] Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

74. Page 22, read

THE ORDER OF EARLY SERVICE, OR MATINS.

Instead of

EARLY SERVICE, OR MATINS.

**75. Rubric, read

¶ *Then shall be sung or said responsively the* Versicles *and the* Gloria Patri, *here following, etc.*

76. Rubric, instead of *"is omitted,"* read

¶ *During the Passion Season the* Hallelujah *shall be omitted.*

*77. Page 23, Psalm rubrics and Gloria Patri, same action as Item 62.

78. Page 24, text and rubrics for Lessons, *Tu Autem* and Responsory, same action as Items 63, 64.

79. The Canticle, rubric, conform to Standard.

STANDARD.	CHURCH BOOK.
¶ *The Congregation shall stand and sing the* Te Deum Laudamus, *or the* Benedictus. *An* Antiphon *may be sung with the* Benedictus.	¶ *The* Te Deum, *the* Benedictus, *or another* Canticle *may be used. The Congregation shall stand to the end of the Service, except that it may kneel during the Prayers.*

**80. Page 26, omit Scripture reference for Benedictus (St. Luke 1).

81. Page 27, Collect rubrics, same action as Item 71.

*82. Page 28, omit the Salutation (preceding Benedicamus) as in Church Book.

83. Insert heading, BENEDICAMUS.

84. Benediction, same action as Item 73.

85. Pages 34-42, omit the old "Evening Service."

[*]86. Page 91, omit All Saints' Day. [Rescinded.]

*87. Pages 105-107, retain Responsories II-VII.

**88. Page 109, Retain introductory rubrics for Collects and Prayers, but for the first rubric substitute the following:

Whenever the Collect of the Day is said, the full ending is to be used. If other Collects are said after it, as in the Matins and Vespers, the full ending is to be used with the Collect of the Day, and with the last Collect only.

89. Page 132, Litany rubric conform to Standard.

STANDARD.	CHURCH BOOK.
¶ *The* Litany *may be used* at Evening Service *on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, on Days of Humiliation and Prayer, and at* Morning Service *on Sundays when there is no Communion.*	¶ *The* Litany *may be used at Matins on Sundays when there is no Communion, and at Vespers on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and on Days of Humiliation and Prayer.*

90. Page 133, read

And to rule and govern Thy Holy Christian Church;

Instead of

And to lead and govern Thy Holy Christian Church in the right way.

91. Page 146, insert rubric for Bidding Prayer.

¶ *By ancient usage this prayer was specially appointed for Good Friday.*

92. Page 153, Omit General Prayer VIII.

93. Pulpit edition of Church Book, following page 154, omit all the Additional Prayers, forty-two in all.

94. Page 155, heading PSALMS, instead of THE PSALMS.

**95. Page 155ff. No Table of Psalms is given in the Standard. The Church Book also includes twenty-one Psalms not given in the selection of the Standard (Psalms 4, 5, 13, 14, 15, 20, 26, 31, 42, 51, 54, 57, 61, 62, 69, 70, 75, 82, 84, 96, 114.)

The Committee recommends that all the above Psalms be retained. [Also that the Penitential Psalms 38 and 102 and the Marriage Psalms 127 and 128 be added.]

Also that a Table of Psalms be retained. As a substitute for the present Table it offers the following fuller one which has been prepared upon the basis of a careful study of the present Church Book Table, the Kirchenbuch, the Book of Common Prayer, Roman Vesperale, Herold's Vesperale, Hommel's Psalter, and especially the Introit Psalms of the Day. Wherever possible some regard has also been given to the ancient rule which assigned Ps. 1-109 to Matins, and Ps. 110-150 to Vespers.

Sundays and Festivals.	Matins.	Vespers.
1st Sunday in Advent	Ps. 25.	Ps. 98.
	Ps. 8.	Ps. 111.
	Ps. 24.	
2d " "	Ps. 85.	Ps. 96.
	Ps. 93.	Ps. 110.
3d " "	Ps. 5.	Ps. 118.
	Ps. 42.	Ps. 143.
4th " "	Ps. 19.	Ps. 145.
	Ps. 21.	Ps. 122.
Christmas	Ps. 98.	Ps. 89.
	Ps. 2.	Ps. 110.
	Ps. 45.	Ps. 130.
	Ps. 72.	Ps. 132.
	Ps. 85.	Ps. 148.
Sunday after Christmas	Ps. 19.	Ps. 111.
	Ps. 93.	Ps. 147.
New Year	Ps. 90.	Ps. 122, [127].
	Ps. 72.	Ps. 147.
Epiphany	Ps. 96.	Ps. 72.
1st Sunday after Epiphany.....	Ps. 100.	Ps. 84.
		Ps. 46.
2d " "	Ps. 66, 47.	[127, 128.]
3d " "	Ps. 97.	Ps. 86.
4th " "	Ps. 97.	Ps. 87.
5th " "	Ps. 97.	Ps. 48.
6th " "	Ps. 8.	Ps. 84.
		Ps. 47.
Septuagesima	Ps. 18.	Ps. 143.
Sexagesima	Ps. 67.	Ps. 145.
Quinquagesima	Ps. 31.	Ps. 116.
	Ps. 27.	Ps. 143.
Ash Wednesday	Ps. 57.	Ps. 51.
	Ps. 32.	Ps. 130.
	Ps. 6.	[102]
1st Sunday in Lent.....	Ps. 91.	Ps. 1, 121, 139.
2d " "	Ps. 25 [38]	Ps. 130.
3d " "	Ps. 25.	Ps. 86.
4th " "	Ps. 34.	Ps. 122.
5th " "	Ps. 43.	Ps. 90.
5th " " (Palm).....	Ps. 22.	Ps. 138.
	Ps. 61.	Ps. 143.
Holy Week.		
Monday	Ps. 27.	Ps. 23.
Tuesday	Ps. 67.	Ps. 91.
Wednesday	Ps. 57.	Ps. 43.

Sundays and Festivals.	Matins.	Vespers.
Thursday	Ps. 67.	Ps. 116.
	Ps. 75.	Ps. 147.
Friday	Ps. 22, [102]	Ps. 69.
	Ps. 40.	Ps. 143.
	Ps. 54.	Ps. 116.
Saturday	Ps. 4.	Ps. 30.
	Ps. 16.	Ps. 31.
Easter		
	Ps. 8.	Ps. 110.
	Ps. 2.	Ps. 111.
	Ps. 57.	Ps. 118.
1st Sunday after Easter	Ps. 30.	Ps. 111.
2d " "	Ps. 33.	Ps. 23.
		Ps. 100.
3d " "	Ps. 66.	Ps. 146.
4th " "	Ps. 98.	Ps. 118.
5th " "	Ps. 66.	Ps. 124.
Ascension Day	Ps. 47.	Ps. 24.
	Ps. 8.	Ps. 148.
	Ps. 21.	Ps. 111.
	Ps. 19.	
Exaudi Sunday	Ps. 27.	Ps. 97.
Whitsunday	Ps. 48.	Ps. 104.
	Ps. 68.	Ps. 145.
	Ps. 19.	Ps. 113.
		Ps. 117.
Whitmonday	Ps. 100.	Ps. 84.
Trinity Sunday	Ps. 8.	Ps. 96.
	Ps. 33.	Ps. 111.
	Ps. 97.	Ps. 150.
1st Sunday after Trinity	Ps. 13.	Ps. 34.
2d " "	Ps. 18.	Ps. 28.
3d " "	Ps. 25.	Ps. 32.
4th " "	Ps. 27.	Ps. 116.
5th " "	Ps. 27.	Ps. 113.
6th " "	Ps. 28.	Ps. 138.
7th " "	Ps. 47.	Ps. 23, 146.
8th " "	Ps. 48.	Ps. 92, 126.
9th " "	Ps. 82.	Ps. 139.
10th " "	Ps. 84.	Ps. 122.
11th " "	Ps. 68.	Ps. 138.
12th " "	Ps. 104.	Ps. 121.
13th " "	Ps. 34.	Ps. 147.
14th " "	Ps. 84.	Ps. 115.
15th " "	Ps. 86.	Ps. 145.

Sundays and Festivals.	Matins.	Vespers.
16th " "	Ps. 86.	Ps. 118.
17th " "	Ps. 30.	Ps. 116.
18th " "	Ps. 42.	Ps. 125.
19th " "	Ps. 34.	Ps. 143.
20th " "	Ps. 48.	Ps. 104.
21st " "	Ps. 25.	Ps. 103.
22d " "	Ps. 26.	Ps. 130.
23d " "	Ps. 85.	Ps. 139.
24th " "	Ps. 20.	Ps. 118.
25th " "	Ps. 91.	Ps. 138.
26th " "	Ps. 93.	Ps. 96.
27th " "	Ps. 27.	Ps. 116.
Harvest Festival	Ps. 65.	Ps. 104.
	Ps. 67.	Ps. 118.
Reformation	Ps. 48.	Ps. 87.
	Ps. 46.	Ps. 125.
		Ps. 116.
Thanksgiving	Ps. 104.	Ps. 92.
	Ps. 150.	Ps. 136.
Humiliation	Ps. 6.	Ps. 130.
	Ps. 51.	Ps. 143.
Apostles', Evangelists' & Martyrs'.	Ps. 19.	Ps. 139.
		Ps. 148.
St. Michael's	Ps. 103.	Ps. 34.
	Ps. 24.	Ps. 148.

96. Various discrepancies have been noted in the text of the Psalms, and the Committee recommends a revision of these and conformity to the text of the Authorized Version.

97. Page 258. (Benedicite), omit rubric.
¶ *To be used at Matins on Sundays and Festivals.*

98. Pages 259-263, omit Canticles 6-10 (*Confitebor tibi; Exultavit cor meum; Cantemus Domino; Domine audivi; Audite coeli.*

V. KIRCHENBUCH RUBRICS.

The Council resolved "That the Church Book Committee be requested to compare the rubrics of the Church Book and the Kirchenbuch, and to harmonize them if possible." (Minutes 1905, p. 175.)

Many of the changes recommended in the preceding section of this Report (IV: Items 1-98), will harmonize certain of the differences between the rubrics of the Church Book and the Kirchenbuch, as the latter often agrees with the Standard Edition of the Common Service when the Church Book shows a variation. The Committee has carefully considered all the other differences and recommends the following changes in the Kirchenbuch:

1. Page 4, Introit rubrics,

¶ Die Gemeinde singt den Introitus und das Gloria Patri; oder der Pfarrer spricht den Introitus und die Gemeinde singt oder spricht das Gloria Patri; oder der Pfarrer und die Gemeinde singen oder sprechen wechselweise die Strophen des Introitus und Gloria Patri.

¶Der Introitus schliesst immer, ausser in der Karwoche, mit den Gloria Patri.

Change to agree with action proposed above, Section IV, Item 29.

2. Page 6, Collect rubric, omit

Wenn das Heilige Abendmahl nicht gefeirt wird, kann der Kollekte ein Versikel vorangehen.

3. Rubric,

¶Ist am Sonntag nur einmal Gottesdienst, so können vor der Epistel noch andere Schriftabschnitte aus dem Alten und Neuen Testament verlesen werden.

Change to agree with

¶ *Other* Scripture Lessons *may be read before the* Epistle.

4. Hallelujah rubric,

Ausser in der Karwoche,

To agree with

In the Passion Season.

5. Rubric,

¶ Anstatt des einfachen Hallelujah kann auch einer der folgenden Sprüche gesungen werden.

To agree with IV. 32.

6. Page 9, add to rubric for Offerings that they shall be placed by the Minister on the Altar.

7. Page 12, after closing Hymn, omit rubric,

Darauf spricht der Pfarrer eine Kollekte mit der Salutatio.

8. Insert text of Benediction with lines before and after, as above, IV:40.

9. Page 13, First rubric, omit

bereitet sich durch stilles Gebet.

10. Page 17, rubric, omit

breitet die Hände über das Brot und den Wein aus.

11. Page 21, omit rubric

¶Nach jedem Psalm oder erst am Ende der Psalmen folgt das Gloria Patri.

Insert rubric and text to agree with IV:62.

12. Page 24, rubric

¶ Nun folgt ein oder mehrere Kollekten mit der Salutatio, der ein Versikel vorangehen mag. Nach jeder Kollekte singt oder spricht die Gemeinde Amen.

Change to agree with IV:71.

Also insert text of Collect for Peace.

13. Page 26, Psalm rubrics, Matins, same action as Item 11.

14. Page 30, Collect rubrics, same action as Item 12.
15. Pages 141, 144, 145, Gospels and Epistles not given for Harvest, Day of Humiliation and Thanksgiving Day. Insert in Table, page (x).
16. Page 157, insert introductory rubrics before "Allgemeine Kollekten," to agree with the revised Church Book rubrics, page 109. (See also IV:88.)
17. Page 189, Bidding Prayer, insert Standard rubrics, if possible:
¶ *By ancient usage this prayer was specially appointed for Good Friday.*
¶ *Here may be offered Prayers for Schismatics, Jews, and Heathen.*

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. The Committee has arranged with the Publication Board for the printing of the Hauptgottesdienst of the Kirchenbuch with music in pamphlet form, under the supervision of Dr. Spaeth.

2. The Committee recommends the insertion in the Church Book of the text of the Gospels and Epistles for the Sundays and Festivals of the Church Year.

3. The Committee requests the General Council to direct the Publication Board to honor drafts of the Committee for amounts not exceeding one hundred dollars ($100) a year for books for the Liturgical Library at the Philadelphia Seminary, these funds to be paid from revenues from sale of the Church Book, such purchases to be ordered by the Church Book Committee.

LUTHER D. REED,
Secretary of the Church Book Committee.

ACTION ON CHURCH BOOK COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The action on Referred Question I was approved.

The Rev. Dr. Horn presented the following, which was referred to the consideration of the Church Book Committee:

Resolved, That in the English translation of Luther's Small Catechism, in all the publications of the General Council, the word "fatherly" be substituted for "paternal" in the Explanation of the First Article of the Creed; that, in the Explanation of the Second Article, the words "purchased and won" be substituted for "secured and delivered"; that, in the Explanation of the Third Article, the word "one" be inserted after the words "in union with Jesus Christ in the"; that the answer to the Fifth Question in Part IV, be made more intelligible; and that the Answer to the First Question in Part V, be made to conform more closely to the original.

Referred Question III was then taken up, and the action approved.

On motion of the Rev. L. D. Reed Referred Questions IV and V were deferred until the miscellaneous items have been considered.

Of the Miscellaneous items, Item 1 was adopted.

Under item 2 the motion of Rev. L. D. Reed was deferred until the Sixth Session, and then adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the second item be referred favorably to the Church Book Committee with power to act.

In the Tenth Session, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the text of the Gospels and Epistles be inserted in the Church Book.

Item 3 was adopted with the addition of the words "such purchases to be ordered by the Church Book Committee."

Referred Question II, concerning a "Mission Book," being in order, the Rev. L. D. Reed offered the following motion which was also deferred until the Seventh Session, when it was adopted in the following form, a portion touching a "Mission Book" and all provision for such a book having been tabled:

Resolved, 1. That the Church Book Committee be instructed to invite the co-operation of the other committees of the Joint Committee in a final revision of the text of the proposed Common Hymnal and that this revised text be presented, if possible, to the next Convention of the General Council for consideration, the final revision by the Joint Committee to be preceded by a preliminary revision by the Church Book Committee.

2. That the Church Book Committee be instructed to prepare a musical setting of the proposed Common Hymnal and to present it at the next Convention for adoption as the authorized General Council edition of the Common Hymnal with Music, the Church Book Committee being hereby authorized to secure the aid of representative Lutheran organists, and any other professional assistance which may be required.

3. That individual editors be permitted to use the text of the Hymnal and to publish private Hymnals with Music upon the following conditions:

(a) That their manuscript be approved by the Publication Board and the Church Book Committee.

(b) That they pay a royalty upon all sales to the Publication Board, the amount of the royalty and the terms of payment to be later determined by the joint action of the Publication Board and the Church Book Committee or their duly appointed representatives.

(c) That no private Hymnal shall be placed on sale until three (3) years after the appearance of the authorized Hymnal.

On motion of the Rev. A. Steimle it was

Resolved, That in the matter of music for a Common Hymnal, our Church Book Committee be instructed to confer with the representatives of the other Bodies uniting in the preparation of the Common Service.

On motion of the Rev. A. D. Crile it was

Resolved, 1. That it is the desire of the General Council that the Joint Committee on Common Service shall propose an English Service and Hymn Book which may be printed from the same original.

2. That the Publication Board be requested to honor the order of the Church Book Committee for such expenses as it may incur in performing this work, provided the total amount shall not exceed Four Hundred Dollars ($400.00) for the ensuing biennium.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Horn it was

Resolved, That the Church Book Committee is instructed that it is to be bound by the rule, "The Common Consent of the pure Lutheran Liturgies of the Sixteenth Century; and where there is not an entire agreement, the consent of the largest number of those of greatest weight."

With reference to the proposed disposition of items in Sections IV and V of the Report, on page 85, the first recommendation to conform the Church Book to the Standard was adopted; the second, harmonizing Church Book and Kirchenbuch, was referred back to the Church Book Committee, and the third, relating to minor variations, was adopted.

The fourth recommendation was discussed, and then referred back to the Church Book Committee with instructions to confer with the other Committees in the Joint Committee.

The Report of the Church Book Committee was then adopted as a whole.

In the Tenth Session the following "Form of Call" reported by the Church Book Committee (See Minutes of 1907, pages 244 and 259) was adopted:

Pastor's Call.

To the Rev.....

Grace be to you, and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

At a meeting of the members of.....Evangelical Lutheran (1).....held on.....day of..... A. D. 19,...., you were duly chosen to become its Pastor. By authority and on behalf of said (1).....we, the undersigned, do hereby now extend you a formal call, and earnestly urge upon you the acceptance of the same.

As pastor of the said (1).....you will be required to preach and teach the pure Word of God, to administer the Sacraments, to instruct the young, to visit the sick and afflicted, to maintain Christian discipline, to supervise the schools and societies of the (1)..... and to perform all other duties of the Gospel ministry, in accordance with the Confessions and usages of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and as becometh one called to the sacred office.

In the name of the said.....Evangelical Lutheran (1).....we pledge you our prayers, our love and esteem, and our hearty co-operation in the work of the Lord: and for your temporal support and comfort we are authorized by the said (1)..... to promise to pay you the sum of.....dollars annually in.....installments, so long as you continue to be the Pastor. (2).....

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In testimony whereof we have subscribed our names this..... day of.....A. D., at the request and on behalf of the congregation.

} To be signed by the proper officers.

(1) Here insert the name of the church or parish in detail.
(2) For other details. Thus, if a parsonage is available, add: and to grant you the free use of the parsonage.

The Rev. Dr. Kunzmann, Secretary, presented the report of the English Home Mission Board.

REPORT OF THE ENGLISH HOME MISSION BOARD.

Fathers and Brethren:

We are again assembled in the city of Minneapolis, where the greatness of the English Home Mission field so impressed this body as to result in the election of the first Home Mission Superintendent in the person of the lamented Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr. The wisdom of that step, and of those which followed has never been questioned.

We classify Home Missions as a special department of Church work and have sought to call men specially qualified, as well as to give them special opportunity to grow in efficiency. Instead of one superintendent, who combined with his work the agency of the Church Extension Society, attempting to meet the necessities of the two Boards, we have added a Western and an Eastern Assistant Superintendent, eight Field Missionaries, besides one for the Persian and another for the Lettish work, and two representatives of the Church Extension Society, and the Boards are anxiously praying for the means to increase the general staff so as properly to care for our expanding work. Hence this has and will increase our expenditures, but the results will more than justify the outlay. We found

it cheaper to pay experienced men larger salaries than to employ inefficient ones at a much lower rate. We have established a well-equipped office to enable us to keep in close touch with both departments of our work.

In the year 1888 we had but one English Mission in the State of Minnesota, none in Wisconsin or Michigan, and none in any state to the West except the mission in Fargo, N. D., nor a single mission in the vast Canadian Dominion to the North. There was no Theological Seminary at Chicago. Since then six new Synods connected with our General Council have been organized; the Synod of the Northwest in 1891, the Pacific Synod in 1901, the Synod of Central Canada in 1909, as the direct and successful work of your Board; the New York and New England Synod in 1902, the result of the self-denying labors of earnest pastors and of our missionaries; the Manitoba Synod in 1897, the work of the German Home Mission Board; and the Nova Scotia Synod in 1903, which testifies to the labors of the Pittsburgh Synod. We are on the eve of another forward movement on an even grander scale. The missionary church is a growing and triumphant church. The lack of such enterprise means death.

During the biennium the unification plan has gone into partial effect. The Ministerium of Pennsylvania, the New York and New England Synod, the District Synod of Ohio, the Chicago Synod, the Synod of the Northwest, and the Pacific Synod are working harmoniously and successfully under this more efficient organization. Whilst the Pittsburgh and Nova Scotia Synods have adopted the plan, the former will not be able to transfer its missions until the required change of the Constitution be affected a year hence, and the latter has not yet taken final action. The Western Superintendent has visited the missions of the Ohio and Chicago Synods which have been transferred. He enjoyed the able assistance of Rev. W. G. Dressler, D.D., the Superintendent of Missions of the District Synod of Ohio on that territory. Rev. F. A. Bowers, assistant to the Superintendent for the Eastern District, and Field Missionary for Philadelphia, began a splendid visitation of the missions in his territory in July of this year, but has not yet completed the work. The encouragement given to faithful missionaries and the results already accomplished foreshadow much for the work in the East.

From September to November, 1908, the entire Home Mission and Church Extension staff was withdrawn from its special work to engage in a campaign of education and inspiration. From New York City in the East to the Twin Cities in the West they delivered addresses on the above subjects in all congregations, with rare exceptions, employing the English language. This included the congregations of the New York and New England Synod, the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, the Pittsburgh, the District Synod of Ohio, the Chicago and Northwest Synods. These men had come fresh from the field, were well informed as well as enthusiastic, and awakened much interest. It was the most far-reaching itinerary ever undertaken. We record with thanks the universal courtesy extended to

us by the Presidents of Synods and of Conferences, and the pastors of our congregations. The offerings given not only paid the expenses of the itinerary but left a handsome balance in the treasury, whilst from one devoted hearer there came a gift of $1,000 for a special work. In addition there were held all-day conferences, either by the entire staff or by a sufficient number of its members, to discuss and answer all questions pertaining to the mission field, the method of organization, the demand for more men for the ministry, and the need of a larger Home Mission and Church Extension fund. The increased income of the Board during the period of stringency, as well as an increasing number of men in preparation for the gospel ministry, are some of the results achieved.

THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE WORK.

The Board called the attention of the Council at its last convention to the number of Lutheran Letts who had come to this country owing to their trials in Russia, their homeland. Rev. J. Steik, who had organized the Lithuanian congregation at Boston, Mass., at comparatively small cost, has visited his brethren in New York and Philadelphia once a month and has succeeded in organizing a congregation in each city, the former belonging to the New York Ministerium and the latter to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. Our efforts to secure an additional missionary for this work have hitherto proven futile. We have corresponded, without success, with authorities in Europe and with a Lettish pastor residing in California. Our missionary is now giving instruction to several young men in order to prepare them for College and the Theological Seminary.

Our attention was also called to the increasing number of Persians who had been driven to this country by the murderous attacks of the Kurds. Whilst some of the denominations had local missionaries who cared for a few of them, there was no adequate provision made to give these people the blessings of the Gospel. It was at this period that Rev. Johannes Pascha, formerly a Lutheran missionary to the Mohammedans in Persia, came to America to gather funds to revive and continue the work in his native land. As times were hard and as a number of deceivers had created distrust toward the Orientals, it was impossible for him to succeed. Finding his own people in dire distress for bread, for both body and soul, he turned his attention to them and appealed to our Board for assistance, and after correspondence with Rev. Roebbelen of the Hermansburg Missionary Society, and Rev. L. O. Fossum, Missionary of the United Norwegian Church in Urmia, Persia, your Board donated $500 per year. We find him specially gifted and well and favorably known, having been the teacher of more than one-tenth of the 2,500 Persians who are scattered throughout such cities as New York and Yonkers, Elizabeth, N. J., Philadelphia, Pa., Cleveland, Ohio, and Chicago, Ill. He has visited all these places, and others not mentioned, preaching the Gospel from house to house and on the Lord's day, and has interested himself in finding employment for his countrymen. Owing to the tentative character of this department and to the diversity of religious tendencies among these people; Roman Catholics, Greek Catholics,

Nestorians, Thomas Christians, Presbyterians, Lutherans, as well as Mohammedans, as well as to the fact that we have but one missionary and that the Church has not responded liberally to our call, we have not endeavored to organize any distinctly Lutheran congregations among them. We have been satisfied to give them the Gospel in the midst of their temptations and trials, and to furnish them such temporal assistance as the missionary might be able.

From June 1st to 3d, 1909, there was held in the city of Detroit, Mich., a convention in the interest of work among the Persians. The Hermansburg Society, in the person of Rev. Roebbelen, the United Norwegian Church in Rev. L O. Fossum, the Synodical Conference and the Augustana Synod and your Board were to be represented. The aim was to secure the co-operation of all Lutheran forces in the work among the Persians at home and abroad. Unfortunately we were prevented from being present, and the convention adjourned without any permanent results. Because of the meagre support given to this work, the Board felt constrained first to refer the matter to the judgment of the Council and finally to ask your approval for its discontinuance.

Owing to the new conditions which confront us in this country and to the plans of unification, the Board has felt it necessary to amend that part of its charter, first, with reference to its object, and secondly, with reference to its composition. Our General Council has Boards for the care of English, German, Swedish and Slovak missions. But any one acquainted with the new tide of emigration will find that Lutherans of other tongues are coming to our shores. As there was no Board in the Council to which work of this nature could be either temporarily or permanently assigned, we felt it necessary, in order to enable us to enlarge the scope of the work and also to gather additional funds for the same, to amend our charter as follows by adding after "English Language" "in whole or in part, or such Home Mission work as the General Council may temporarily assign." This change was made to enable us to receive English-German Missions as well as legally to do Lettish and Persian work. The article on the election of members was amended to read, "Shall consist of not less than 7 or more than 21 members; seven to be elected by the General Council, and the remainder by each Synod, co-operating with the Board, electing one."

In our effort to do justice to our vast unoccupied mission territory we have again enlarged our field by entering Victoria, the largest city of British Columbia, the largest Province in the Dominion of Canada. Our Field Missionary on the Pacific Coast, the Rev. W. C. Drahn, had been requested to serve a German congregation, once a part of the Iowa Synod, whose transfer to the Joint Synod of Ohio had been denied. When he ascertained the facts in the case, he advised the congregation to remain with the missionary whom that Synod had sent. Finding an important field and no provision for worship in the English tongue, he has organized an English Mission. Whilst entrance upon this Province is an encouraging sign, we would remind the Church that there are a number of

provinces in Canada and States in the Union in which from lack of men and means we have not as yet been able to make a beginning. There is still much land to be possessed.

GENERAL SYNOD AND GENERAL COUNCIL HOME MISSIONS.

Our work under the Rev. M. J. Bieber, Field Missionary for Canada, has been prosperous beyond our most sanguine expectations. Where we had only two English Lutheran parishes several years ago the number has increased to 10, and resulted in the organization of the Central Synod of Canada. Before this time there had been no distinctively English Lutheran mission work done by any other body in the provinces of Quebec and Ontario. When we learned that the General Synod was about to enter the Province of Ontario, we asked that this be not done until the arbitration committees had decided the questions involved. After several attempts to secure arbitration had failed, our Board finally sent a communication to the President of the General Synod and also to its Home Mission Board, setting forth our understanding of the agreement between the two Bodies, and demanding that no missions be planted by them in Ontario until the question had been fully considered and determined. This was agreed to by the General Synod at its recent convention held in Richmond, Ind. We therefore ask the General Council to appoint an arbitration committee to meet with similar committees, appointed by the Bodies co-operating in this agreement in order that our rights, in this as well as any other matter which may arise, may be decided.

This marks a distinct period in the history of missions, and whilst it was achieved by the Unification or Unified Board, it becomes a distinct gain for all our Home Mission work. The compact was in existence, complaints of violation were heard but not heeded. But as our horizon enlarges, our work and interests become national, yea, international, and such matters cannot be neglected or overlooked as mere trivial local affairs Local happenings in Home Missions are no longer trivial because connected with international work.

Our attention has since been called to the report of the General Synod's Home Mission Board (pages 195 to 196, Minutes 1907), calling attention to the "great Lutheran Northwest, Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Washington, and Oregon and the Southwest. It is indeed pathetic, if not painful, to catch a vision of these extensive and fertile fields, so rich in promise of golden harvests, and then be compelled to recognize the fact that the churches of our General Synod manifest indifference to this supremely important cause, are satisfied that it shall be sustained in a manner utterly inadequate to supply its imperative requirements."

We need to come to an understanding as to what is implied in our agreements and what ought to be the attitude of one body to another in these matters. At great sacrifice of men and means we have done the pioneer work in these States, and we feel that we ought to be left undisturbed to

reap the richer harvests for which we have been sowing. Others ought not to endeavor to reap where they have not sown.

This brings us to the more, yea the most important question connected with this issue, and this question can and must be decided by us alone. If we intend, as we ought, to hold this vast domain as our field, we must place into it a sufficient number of men capable of holding it. Unless we do this we will be dispossessed with the same nonchalance as our fathers drove the Indians from the fertile fields which they used simply for the chase. We dare not monopolize these opportunities to abuse them. As the knights of olden days won their rights and held them by the sword, so we must win and hold these by the sword of the Spirit. These are our talents, and we owe it to the Lord and to ourselves to make the most of them. Here the scattered sheep of the children of the Reformation are being lost to us, and if we do not intend to make the sacrifice necessary to gather them we should not complain when others desire to enter, but we should welcome them. Inelegant as may be the expression, no dog-in-the-manger policy will answer. We justly condemn our brethren for pursuing a policy which forces the young people out of our congregations into those of the denominations and branding us as proselyters when we endeavor to save them to our Church. We must prove ourselves worthy of the sacred trust by diligently and successfully managing it for Christ. We ask an expression of the General Council on this question.

Though exceedingly anxious, we have not as yet been able to secure a Field Missionary for the South. The pressure upon us for men and means to cultivate the field already in hand has perplexed the Board. Our earnest appeals to the brethren, whom we have thought especially interested, brought very meagre responses. In the face of all this, hoping against hope, we sent a call to Rev. W. A. Deaton, who, after due deliberation, declined the call. We earnestly plead with our brethren to make it possible for us, without any strain upon our anxiety, to carry out your recommendation.

The need of more men for the ministry, brought to your attention at the last convention, was finally referred back to our Board. Whilst we were unable to do full justice to this important matter, we have nevertheless made a beginning by sending circulars to the pastors of congregations supporting our English Home Missions, and also preparing for distribution a special tract on the subject, "Why I should be a minister of the Gospel." We have sent out 1,231 letters and received 244 replies. From these replies we learn that there are 90 young men who are either in course of preparation for the ministry or ready to prepare themselves. It will be apparent to you, therefore, that many took no interest in the matter, though we had furnished a return postal card with our address on one side and specified the information desired on the other with blank spaces to be filled in. Some, who had at first reported that they had no one in their parish with the ministry in view, were led to take up the matter with gratifying results. We are satisfied that by these means and by the Home Mis-

sion and Church Extension Itinerary, a greater interest on this subject has been awakened and will result in increased attendance at our colleges and theological seminaries. We therefore ask for the appointment of a special committee on ministerial supply, consisting of one member appointed by each of our Mission Boards along with the Secretaries of the District Synods. We ask that this Committee furnish the Secretaries of the District Synods a sufficient number of blanks to enable them to supply each pastor with a copy of the same; that these blanks be so printed as to require the name, address, age, and state of educational advancement of the person in his parish having the ministry in view, whether he be attending grammar or high school, academy, or theological seminary, and what help, if any, in the judgment of the pastor may be required to fit him for the ministry; that the General Council ask the District Synods to instruct their secretaries to send out these blanks with the parochial reports and to make it the duty of each pastor to furnish the required information, and that this committee report to each convention of the General Council.

Our Board has been appealed to by the brethren of the Pacific Synod and the Central Synod of Canada to assist them in the establishment of Theological Seminaries. Whilst our Board is unable to use its income for this work, we deem it within our sphere to bring the matter to the most serious attention of our General Council. The extension of the Church in the last analysis depends upon its ministerial supply, and this is greatly increased by the accessibility of our institutions to the young men of our congregations. We have now three theological seminaries, the one located at Philadelphia, another at Chicago, Ill., and, the farthest west, Rock Island, in the same State. From Rock Island to the Pacific Coast and throughout the entire Dominion of Canada we do not have a single institution to prepare young men for the ministry. We thoroughly agree with the brethren of the Synod of Central Canada in the location of the Seminary at Toronto, Canada, and in its affiliation with the Toronto University and with their determination to send their students for the last year to one of the seminaries already in existence and to arrange to adapt their course to the said seminary. The plans so far outlined contemplate the securing of a building where young men having the ministry in view can be boarded and housed under the care of a godly house-father, and the employment of such instructors in theology as shall enable them creditably to finish the course with one year additional at either Philadelphia or Chicago. Your Board is also convinced that the proper location for a Theological Seminary on the Coast for the General Council is Seattle, Wash. We would recommend that the General Council appoint a committee to report at this convention what, in their judgment, ought to be done, what relation the General Council should sustain to such institutions, and what rights and authority it should exercise in them.

Our Board is again constrained to ask the General Council to provide an office building owned and controlled by this body. We are in perfect agreement with the action taken at the last convention in answer to our

petition as contained on page 241 of your minutes. We succeeded in having a joint meeting of the Boards, held on the 11th day of February, 1909, at 1522 Arch street. A committee was appointed which will no doubt report to this convention, and we would ask the General Council to take steps toward the establishment of a General Council house owned and controlled by this Body, and have all the Boards, equally depending upon the Body, for the room which they require.

There is a field hitherto neglected by our Church which, under proper cultivation, might yield us not only many men for the ministry but also efficient representatives among the laity. It is evident that, however much we may condemn the sending of Lutheran children to non-Lutheran, undenominational, irreligious, and anti-religious schools, the condition will continue. In many cases the only opportunity our young men or women have of securing an education is by means of such institutions and by the incurring of such risks. The Christian readers of our papers and magazines have no doubt been startled by the revelations made concerning the teaching in these so-called unsectarian and non-denominational institutions with reference to marriage, family, morals, and the Bible. It is truly alarming when the very institutions which a Christian civilization has nourished into greatness, undermine the very foundations of our civilization. The people who in the formative period of life attend them, will be lost not only to the Church but even to morality, unless there is a counter influence exerted and something effectively done to keep them true to Christ. We cannot stand aloof from such a condition and attempt to wash our hands in innocency. If this continues the structure will fall and fall on us.

This is a sad state of affairs. We should do all within our power to save the young people exposed to these dangers. It was in the year 1889 that we first thought of beginning an experiment along this line of work in connection with the University of Nebraska. Your Superintendent had, by invitation, preached in the Swedish Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, and a petition signed by more than 60 Lutherans was sent to our Board, asking for the establishment of a General Council English Lutheran church in the neighborhood of the University and sufficiently removed from any other Lutheran church. It was our object to have our missionary give special attention to the Lutheran young men and women in the University and to study the problem as to the most efficient and economical method of keeping them in touch with the life and interests of our Church. The protests of the Western Secretary of the General Synod induced the Board to give up this project. Whilst we have no fault to find with the organization of St. Mark's, Minneapolis, yet we had desired to spend the resources consumed in that enterprise in the beginning of such work in connection with the University of Minnesota. Hence it was only in 1907, in connection with the University of Wisconsin, and by the calling of Rev. Howard R. Gold, that we could begin this experiment. For two years we have studied the question in this difficult field, and feel that a new department of church work should be inaugurated, and that this work should be given into the hands of men who shall make it a specialty. Whether we

should include in this the young men and women attending our Lutheran schools or confine it to the non-Lutheran institutions and our young people attending them is a question which will have to be decided in the future. But that we should begin now to endeavor to reach our own young people in these institutions and to interest them in the problems which confront our Lutheran Church in this country and win as many as possible for the ministry, admits of no dispute. We would, therefore, ask the General Council to appoint a special committee which shall report during this convention.

Your Board would ask that the following sums be apportioned for each year of the present biennium for the support of our work, and that the Synods be urged to see to its collection and payment, and in those cases where the Synods have not made the apportionment required that they be asked to do so for the current year through their Executive Committees.

Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$32,500
District Synod of Ohio	7,000
New York and New England Synod	7,250
Northwest Synod	2,500
Chicago Synod	3,000
Nova Scotia Synod	1,250
Pacific Synod	600
New York Ministerium	1,000
Pittsburgh Synod	5,600
	$60,700

The results achieved during the last biennium can be seen in the accompanying table. As the Board has changed the ending of its fiscal year from September first to May first, in order to harmonize its year with that of the various Synods, this year's report will show the status of the missions for the period of one year only, although the gains and losses are computed upon the report for the last biennium. Including the missions transferred by the various Synods there were 107 missions under our supervision with 130 congregations. Of these 12 became self-sustaining and three were organized as self-sustaining congregations.

7. GENERAL COUNCIL HOME MISSIONS.

I. Supported by the Board of English Home Missions.

MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	MEMBERSHIP.				SUNDAY SCHOOL.			Current Expenses.	Benevolence.	Value of Property.
			Bapt.	Com.	Gain.	Loss.	Mem.	Gain.	Loss.			
Atlantic City, N. J.	St. Andrew's	Vacant	210	100	30	....	113	25	...	$1368 50	$ 101 93	$25,000
Trenton, N. J.	Our Saviour	J. C. Mattes	389	201	38	....	225	80	...	1051 47	139 02	18,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Salem	F. Miller	329	143	22	....	197	27	...	772 70	84 07	3,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Resurrection	D. I. Sulzbach	501	284	136	....	303	72	...	1312 10	177 63	16,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Our Saviour	C. M. Sandt	336	161	36	....	258	37	...	917 67	87 26	11,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Zion	F. W. Friday	191	81	27	....	119	41	...	560 68	69 42	7,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Memorial	J. W. H. Heintz	305	135	35	....	330	177	...	600 00	37 39	50,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Mediator	F. T. Esterly	246	110	47	....	156	61	...	1947 84	31 25	6,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Good Shepherd	Vacant	41	22	....	....	32	...	...	312 30	18 27	250
Philadelphia, Pa.	Advocate	J. C. Fischer	259	100	40	....	179	47	...	1200 00	77 63	10,000
Manoa, Pa.	Trinity	W. J. Huntsinger	123	50	9	....	83	5	...	617 33	59 00	10,000
Camden, N. J.	Christ	F. I. Paul	234	81	14	....	154	20	...	1200 00	20 00	4,000
Wildwood, N. J.	Trinity	L. G. Deiley	97	46	....	12	60	...	12	1027 71	34 29	11,000
Magnolia, N. J.	Trinity	Vacant	27	20	....	....	23	...	...	171 38	3 46	3,500
Eden, Pa.	Redeemer	N. N. Harter	115	57	....	....	69	...	...	231 40	1 51	5,250
Shillington, Pa.	Grace	F. F. Buermeyer, D.D.	150	40	2	....	102	1	...	210 00	15 00	3,500
Oakbrook, Pa.	Redeemer	F. F. Buermeyer, D.D.	96	21	....	4	81	16	...	60 00	3 00	1,000
N. Bethlehem, Pa.	St. Stephen's	C. J. Cooper, D.D.	213	127	12	....	202	14	...	354 93	40 57	2,500
Northampton Heights, Pa.	St. Matthew's	S. M. Wenrich	107	67	8	....	129	...	40	381 00	26 00	3,600
Allentown, Pa.	St. Stephen's	I. W. Klick	600	282	33	....	389	59	...	924 02	108 34	18,000
S. Allentown, Pa.	Grace	J. H. Raker	360	160	85	....	270	58	...	408 84	63 75	4,500
E. Allentown, Pa.	St. Joseph	J. W. Mattern	167	72	....	7	109	...	...	400 00	16 00	3,500
Easton, Pa.	Colored	J. A. Burton	32	19	....	....	29	...	...	156 10	2 03	3,000
N. Water Gap, Pa.	St. Mark's	F. W. Wackernagel	89	49	....	8	54	...	8	403 93	38 06	4,000
Scranton, Pa.	St. Paul's	W. S. Heist	240	119	36	....	141	32	...	611 50	49 84	12,000
Sayre, Pa.	St. John's	E. M. Beysher	213	142	7	....	113	1	...	697 47	81 02	8,500
Gouldsboro, Pa.	Grace	J. M. Smeltzer	143	55	5	....	88	3	...	377 64	82 60	7,800
Packerton, Pa.	Zion	F. E. Reichard	153	68	3	....	100	11	...	575 77	37 03	4,300
Ricketts, Pa.	St. John's	A. L. Smith	184	47	19	....	132	12	...	675 00	32 14	1,500
Lehighton, Pa.	Grace	F. Croman	181	125	32	....	169	...	26	1115 59	77 68	11,000
Quakake, Pa.	Christ	E. P. Xander	141	135	10	....	...	...	...	345 65	.....	5,000
Locust Gap, Pa.	St. Peter's	E. P. Xander	47	43	....	3	...	...	...	.....	.....	2,000
Quakake Township, Pa.	Ascension	E. P. Xander	109	45	....	....	157	...	5	132 05	34 86	4,500
Pine Grove, Pa.	St. Peter's	W. W. Kramlich	171	99	....	8	91	...	4	124 01	9 00	3,600
Dows, Pa.	St. Mark's	W. W. Kramlich	103	37	4	....	87	...	73	109 80	29 34	3,000
Cherryville, Pa.	St. Matthew's	W. W. Kramlich	72	25	....	....	53	5	...	66 00	2 85	1,500
Llewellyn, Pa.	Frieden's	H. M. Schofer	175	127	2	....	61	...	8	400 00	48 75	2,000

MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA (Continued).

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	MEMBERSHIP.				SUNDAY SCHOOL.			Current Expenses.	Benevolence.	Value of Property.
			Bapt.	Com.	Gain.	Loss.	Mem.	Gain.	Loss.			
Palmyra, Pa.	Palmyra	J. H. Neiman	93	88	8	....	81	5	...	580 00	75 32	3,000
Harrisburg, Pa.	Holy Communion	C. K. Fegley	215	94	17	....	115	68	...	892 84	96 94	8,500
Lancaster, Pa.	St. Mark's	J. H. Strenge	198	92	35	....	206	53	...	642 44	49 40	8,000
Lancaster, Pa.	Redeemer	H. T. Clymer	100	41	15	....	87	9	...	150 20	17 42	10,000
Lititz, Pa.	St. James	H. T. Clymer	80	40	18	....	62	...	24	226 70	18 53	5,000
Jersey Shore, Pa.	First	C. D. Zweier	109	67	....	4	64	...	15	497 80	41 79	4,500
Berwick, Pa.	Trinity	W. H. Berk	107	53	....	7	58	...	6	210 70	20 94	8,000
Richfield, Pa.	St. John's	E. E. Gilbert	156	112	12	....	70	...	9	400 00	61 69	6,000
Monroe, Pa.	St. Peter's	E. E. Gilbert	113	50	....	....	78	28	...	150 00	27 20	800
Perry Township, Pa.	Zion	E. E. Gilbert	50	44	10	....	...	...	...	65 00	12 00	1,000
Oriental, Pa.	St. Paul's	E. E. Gilbert	60	30	....	....	45	...	...	300 00	.....	1,000
Missions of the Ministerium Transferred to the Self-Sustaining List.												
Asbury Park, N. J.	Atonement	H. E. Meyers	189	136	44	....	71	...	4	800 00	101 93	12,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Redeemer	H. F. Hehl	146	85	9	....	147	8	...	660 00	150 95	3,500
Souderton, Pa.	Emmanuel	W. Nickel	431	320	15	....	225	22	...	1435 00	78 00	16,000
E. Bangor, Pa.	Grace	J. H. Miller	240	190	24	....	167	...	...	761 00	168 46	6,000
New Ringgold, Pa.	New Ringgold	J. F. Keller	301	200	8	....	155	...	...	340 00	36 10	5,000
Washington, D. C.	Atonement	I. O. Baker	400	163	63	....	164	43	...	2000 00	79 00	30,000
			10147	5291	....	...	6665	...	...	$31942 06	$2775 66	$418,600
DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.												
Toledo, Ohio	St. Luke's	G. A. Bierdemann, D.D.	392	205	80	....	199	58	...	1887 03	75 48	8,550
Yondata, Ohio	St. Luke's	E. J. K. Schmidt	170	89	7	....	53	...	8	237 24	36 75	3,700
Coshocton, Ohio	Emmanuel	L. E. Wein	127	77	12	....	70	4	...	600 00	15 00	7,000
Coshocton, Ohio	St. Paul's	L. E. Wein	150	90	....	3	65	...	1	500 00	35 00	4,500
Defiance, Ohio	Zion's	J. E. Wannemacher	232	145	34	....	103	32	...	1155 50	105 93	10,000
Holgate, Ohio	St. Peter's	R. E. M. Engers	103	76	15	....	63	...	...	300 00	22 09	1,500
Stanley, Ohio	St. John's	R. E. M. Engers	140	93	33	....	78	12	...	560 00	31 04	5,000
Paulding, Ohio	St. Paul's	G. P. Schmidt	102	82	17	....	57	8	...	491 73	.....	6,000
Leetonia, Ohio	St. John's	A. F. Gillman	126	96	16	....	94	...	11	1092 05	61 56	2,500
Pemberville, Ohio	Martin Luther	E. Haecker	112	87	12	....	39	9	...	584 26	43 25	5,000
W. Carrollton, Ohio	Grace	L. P. Pence	64	60	....	1	109	...	26	416 64	38 55	3,000
Ingomar, Ohio	St. John's	L. P. Pence	80	53	12	....	150	24	...	197 09	18 38	5,600
Barbarton, Ohio	First	F. W. Ash	205	142	5	....	132	33	...	486 50	61 56	4,000
			2003	1295	....	...	1212	...	...	$8508 04	$544 59	$66,350
NORTHWEST SYNOD.												
Livingston, Mon.	Redeemer	F. W. Klingensmith	57	38	1	....	54	20	...	545 72	48 77	3,000
Winnipeg, Canada	First	P. E. Baisler	54	29	....	2	68	22	...	205 00	52 59	8,000
Inwood, Canada	St. John's	P. E. Baisler	102	50	....	....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Sioux Fall, S. D.	Redeemer	J. G. M. Hursh	104	41	12	....	73	...	14	282 80	32 91	6,500
(S.) Minneapolis, Minn.	Trinity	L. B. Deck	223	117	84	....	312	229	...	893 67	340 43	4,000

NORTHWEST SYNOD (Continued).

(Seven Oaks) Minneapolis, Minn...	Holy Communion	L. B. Deck	35	25	25	....	95	95	...	41 34	1 50	606
Minneapolis, Minn.	Redeemer	J. A. Zundel	152	42	42	....	90	90	...	38 95	12 00	.....
N. St. Paul, Minn.	St. Mark's	R. A. Helms	150	85	....	12	100	...	...	493 75	22 05	800
St. Paul, Minn.	Arlington Hills	R. A. Helms	120	....	....	....	68	68	...	16 15	1 55	.....
Superior, Wis.	Trinity	W. H. Gable	120	50	....	....	115	50	...	410 22	29 71	2,000
Madison, Wis.	Trinity	H. R. Gold	137	72	36	....	44	11	...	807 64	54 06	500
Middletown, Wis.	First	H. R. Gold	50	38	38	....	...	...	...	115 67	7 05	.....
Oshkosh, Wis.	St. John's	C. B. Lindtwed	140	98	11	....	59	2	...	658 16	75 23	5,500
Beloit, Wis.	Atonement	P. H. Roth	257	80	20	....	101	46	...	612 44	65 38	9,500
Afton, Wis.	Trinity	P. H. Roth	40	24	24	....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Racine, Wis.	Atonement	W. Eckert	280	130	130	....	125	125	...	150 00	.....	1,000
Cedarburg, Wis.	Advent	T. F. Weiskotten	67	49	6	....	29	...	6	455 00	32 61	4,600
Milwaukee, Wis.	Reformation	P. L. Kunzmann	283	185	185	....	195	195	...	1986 48	71 36	35,000

Transferred to the Self-Sustaining List.

Milwaukee, Wis.	Epiphany	G. K. Rubrecht	640	276	136	....	438	110	...	2050 52	169 64	28,200
Duluth, Minn.	St. John's	J. L. Murphy	422	174	144	....	213	62	...	1812 39	271 04	10,000
			3433	1613	....	...	2179	...	...	11575 90	$1287 88	$119,200

PACIFIC SYNOD.

Tacoma, Wash.	St. John's	C. F. W. Stoever	430	212	44	....	84	...	13	1001 76	33 95	7,500
Bellingham, Wash.	St. Mark's	Th. Schoenberg	159	79	5	....	68	1	...	274 95	10 57	3,500
Seaside, Ore.	St. John's	C. G. Stacey	88	27	27	....	47	47	...	86 20	.....	.....
Nehalem, Ore.	Zion's	C. G. Stacey	93	33	5	....	...	...	...	236 82	.....	.....
Salt Lake City, Utah	Trinity	F. W. Bussard	90	38	12	....	45	...	5	507 97	44 02	14,500
Spanish Forks, Utah	English Lutheran	F. W. Bussard	65	40	5	....	25	...	...	35 00	11 00	800
Victoria, B. C.	.....	W. C. Drahn	....	....	....	....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....

Transferred to the Self-Sustaining List.

Vancouver, Wash.	St. Paul's	W. I. Eck	186	70	29	....	83	29	...	1162 88	15 00	10,000
San Jose, Cal.	Emmanuel	Emil Meyer	191	72	....	6	132	29	...	1250 00	85 00	7,500
Portland, Ore.	St. James	J. A. Leas	443	300	6	....	120	11	...	2117 01	423 65	50,000
			1745	871	....	....	604	...	...	$6672 59	$623 19	$93,800

CHICAGO SYNOD.

Chicago, Ill.	Epiphany	E. H. Copenhaver	101	73	33	....	85	17	...	781 04	50 34	.....
Austin, Ill.	Redeemer	J. R. E. Hunt	147	104	47	....	220	109	...	1341 10	84 16	10,000
Chicago, Ill.	St. Matthew's	P. J. Gerberding	150	108	9	....	165	20	...	1505 00	11 00	9,500
Chicago, Ill.	Atonement	A. H. Arbaugh	145	102	34	....	140	45	...	1000 00	48 00	6,000
Chicago, Ill.	St. James	F. E. Stough	180	104	34	....	200	23	...	1200 00	60 00	11,000
Chicago, Ill.	St. Peter's	H. B. Reed	285	195	25	....	350	19	...	1500 00	158 00	8,500

CHICAGO SYNOD (Continued).

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	MEMBERSHIP.				SUNDAY SCHOOL.			Current Expenses.	Benevolence.	Value of Property.
			Bapt.	Com.	Gain.	Loss.	Mem.	Gain.	Loss.			
Lafayette, Ind.	Trinity	E. D. S. Boyer	151	110	35	....	58	...	28	846 42	54 46	8,000
Detroit, Mich.	Christ	P. W. Roth	100	72	....	28	85	1	...	656 02	42 90	2,000
Alexandria, Ind.	Our Saviour	.....	46	22	....	7	19	...	24	118 87	11 30	15,000
Transferred to the Self-Sustaining List.												
Aurora, Ill.	Redeemer	R. C. Kaufman	121	86	39	....	129	41	...	1275 00	27 04	15,000
			1426	976	....	...	1451	...	...	10223 45	$547 20	$85,000
NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND SYNOD.												
Dunkirk, N. Y.	Grace	G. G. Ruff	290	146	38	....	135	27	...	625 00	80 75	6,500
Elmira, N. Y.	Trinity	E. E. Stuckert	84	52	....	29	38	...	22	732 78	27 32	10,000
Yonkers, N. Y.	Redeemer	J. Dimpfl	100	72	34	....	76	33	...	492 95	16 60	14,000
Freeport N. Y.	Christ	G. C. Loos	55	31	31	....	36	36	...	35 68	15 00	.....
Brooklyn, N. Y.	St. Barnabas	G. C. Loos	70	22	22	....	51	51	...	141 71	35 10	.....
Brooklyn, N. Y.	Resurrection	P. J. W. Pestke	142	45	....	....	97	...	...	465 45	17 00	.....
Brooklyn, N. Y.	St. Andrew's	R. M. Zimmerman	150	38	....	....	85	...	...	674 00	15 66	13,000
College Point, N. Y.	Holy Spirit	J. F. Stolte	185	34	....	36	81	6	...	575 00	5 50	6,000
Corona, N. Y.	St. Bartholomew	J. F. Stolte	84	22	22	....	66	66	...	166 25	.....	.....
Hartford, Conn.	St. Paul's	C. E. Blethen	192	106	63	....	81	15	...	906 79	17 57	25,000
New Britain, Conn.	Reformation	A. Rohrig	226	112	27	....	125	33	...	603 74	101 65	7,000
Weehawken, N. J.	Good Shepherd	A. Wuerstlin	223	90	14	....	155	...	8	682 61	77 20	3,000
Orange, N. J.	Trinity	P. C. Wike	75	26	26	....	...	...	...	70 88	40 00	.....
Organized as Self-Sustaining.												
Summit, N. J.	St. John's	G. C. Blessin	110	70	70	....	36	36	...	510 00	327 00	.....
			1986	866	....	...	1062	...	...	$6172 84	$776 35	$84,500
SYNOD OF CENTRAL CANADA.												
Unionville, Ont.	Bethesda	J. Maurer	69	39	....	....	52	...	...	405 64	67 99	2,400
Buttonville, Ont.	St. John's	J. Maurer	25	19	....	....	25	...	...	123 04	25 14	3,000
Brantford, Ont.	St. Matthew's	H. J. Croushore	51	22	....	....	34	...	...	151 64	217 05	.....
Montreal. Can.	Redeemer	J. J. May	282	174	....	64	52	...	10	674 21	57 52	20,000
Organized as Self-Sustaining by Field Missionary Bieber.												
Guelph, Ont.	.....	Vacant	216	118	118	....	108	108	...	677 44	57 58	5,000
Hamilton, Ont.	Trinity	M. J. Bieber	187	123	123	....	53	53	...	363 74	31 00	.....
			830	495	....	....	324	...	...	$2395 71	$456 28	$30,400
SPECIAL.												
Boston, Mass.	Lettish	J. Steik	....	....	....	....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Philadelphia, Pa.	Lettish	J. Steik	....	....	....	....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Among Persians	Vacant	J. Pascha	....	....	....	....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Grand Total			21160	11407	2991	241	13676	3201	410	$77989 50	$7031 16	$8978 50

Thanking the District Synods and the Brethren of the local committees for their valuable assistance, I herewith submit our report for consideration in behalf of the Board of English Home Missions.

J. C. KUNZMANN, *Secretary.*

Treasurer's Report.

Report of E. Augustus Miller, Treasurer Board of English Home Missions, from Sept. 1, 1907, to May 1, 1909.

Dr.

Balance on hand Sept. 1st, 1907			$ 417 53
Contributions received from			
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$18,140 17		
Pittsburgh Synod	3,590 45		
Synod of New York and New England	4,862 71		
District Synod of Ohio	1,484 31		
Chicago Synod	1,458 52		
Synod of the Northwest	1,503 42		
Pacific Synod	672 57		
Ministerium of New York	67 43		
Nova Scotia Synod	129 06		
Individuals	1,453 00		
Special appeal	1,648 21		
Unclassified sources	218 50		
		$35,228 35	
Legacies as follows:			
Wm. H. Hager, in memory of John C. Hager, to be known as the "John C. Hager Home Mission Fund"	$ 1,000 00		
Estate of Louisa Brenneman	238 13		
Estate of Adeline S. Tryon	1,000 00		
		2,238 13	
Receipts from "Flying Squadron"	$ 527 87		
Church Extension Society's proportion of Superintendent's salary	977 77		
Interest on deposits	13 02		
Loans less discounts	16,006 50		
		17,525 16	
			54,991 64
			$55,409 17

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Superintendent's salary	$ 3,716 65	
Superintendent's expenses	921 53	
Missionaries' salaries	32,228 71	
Missionaries' expenses	2,649 93	
Printing	1,422 43	

Miscellaneous	248 26	
Incidentals	102 50	
		$41,290 01
Loans, discounts and interest on loans	8,845 07	
Loan to Aurora, Ill.	1,000 00	
Loan to Church Extension Society for Winnipeg	600 00	
		10,445 07
Balance on hand May 1st, 1909		3,674 09
		$55,409 17

Statement of the Endowment Fund:

Amount reported Sept. 1st, 1908	$ 5,000 00	
Oct. 5, 1908. From Wm. H. Hager	1,000 00	
Apr. 16, 1909. Estate of Adeline S. Tryon	1,000 00	
1909. Additional money collected for Winnipeg by Dr. Kunzmann	1,881 00	
		$ 8,881 00

Invested as follows:

Bond and mortgage, St. John's, Duluth, Minn.	$ 4,000 00	
Note and mortgage, Holy Trinity, Seattle, Wash.	1,000 00	
Note and mortgage, Redeemer, Aurora, Ill.	1,000 00	
Mortgage, First Church, Winnipeg, Canada	1,881 00	
Cash uninvested and included in cash on hand in regular report	1,000 00	
		$ 8,881 00

E. Aug. Miller, *Treasurer.*

ACTION ON THE HOME MISSION REPORT.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Persian work be discontinued.

With reference to the amendment of the Board's charter, on motion it was

Resolved, That the word "temporarily" be stricken.

Rev. Dr. Johnston offered the following:

Resolved, That the words of the Charter read "as may be assigned to the General Council."

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Whitteker,

Resolved, That both motions, and the whole matter be referred to a Special Committee on Charter.

Committee on Charter: The Rev. M. C. Ranseen, D.D., E. C. J. Kraeling, L. A. Johnston, D.D., J. E. Whitteker, D.D., A. P. Monten, G. F.

Spieker, D.D., I. C. Hoffman, E. Belfour, D.D., C. J. Petri, D.D., G. W. Sandt, D.D., P. Peterson, E. F .Bachmann, and G. J. Gongaware.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Jacobs it was

Resolved, That the item pertaining to the securing of men for the ministry be referred to the Committee on Education.

With reference to the establishment of Theological Seminaries in Canada and on the Pacific coast, it was on motion,

Resolved, That the item touching theological seminaries be referred to the Committee on Education.

With reference to a General Council House, at the Third Session, on the motion of the Rev. I. C. Hoffman, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Trustees of the General Council be empowered to rent a suite of four or three or two offices with a public reception room, in the city of Philadelphia, the amount of the rental of each office to be paid by the Board using it. If any Board should not desire to occupy its office, it shall be freed from the expense of the rental of the same, but shall pay one-fourth of the expense of the public reception room. The General Council directs the Trustees to pay the balance of the reception room rent, and requests them to ask the Financial Committee to include amount so needed in the apportionment for the next two years.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Hunton,

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to add the names of the synodical representatives as certified by the officers of the Board of English Home Missions, indicating the Synods which they represent.

On motion of Dr. Kunzmann,

Resolved, That in the Treasurer's Report the words Loan Fund be substituted for "Endowment."

After the acceptance of the Report on Budget it was

Resolved, That the amount of the several synodical apportionments, as proposed by the Board, be approved.

The Rev. Dr. Haupt offered the following:

Resolved, That the English Home Mission Board be instructed to confine itself to the development of the English Home Mission field, and that all work among our immigrants, not already provided for, be placed in the hands of the Board of Slav Missions.

Referred to the Committee on Charter.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Kunzmann it was.

Resolved, That the disposition of the Lettish work be referred to the same Committee.

After this reference the Report of the English Home Mission Board was adopted as a whole, including the apportionments.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHANGE OF CHARTER OF THE ENGLISH HOME MISSION BOARD.

I. As to the Change of Charter of the English Home Mission Board your Committee proposes the following:

After the words "English language" [see Charter in Minutes of 1895, page 115] to add "and to do such other Home Mission work as may be assigned by a District Synod, or by the General Council with the concurrence of the particular Synod or Synods affected by such assignments."

II. In reference to the Lettish work, your Committee recommends that the Letts or other foreigners unprovided for be placed in the hands of the Board of Slav Missions.

M. C. RANSEEN, *Chairman.*

Report adopted.

The Porto Rico Report was concluded. See earlier in this session.

The Report of the Church Extension Society was then presented, but on motion it was

Resolved, That when the signature of the Hon. W. H. Staake, Secretary, is appended to the Church Extension Society's Report, it be spread on the minutes.

THE REPORT OF "THE LUTHERAN MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY"

To the President and Delegates to the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America:

The Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society continues to be an invaluable agency in promoting the English Home Mission work of the General Council, as the Report of the Treasurer will show. The rapid increase of its capital for general purposes since the employment of several agents, compared with the slowness of progress in the previous years, attest the wisdom and progressive spirit of the management. From 1871 to 1889, a period of 18 years, without an agent, the accumulations of the Society were a little over $2,000. Under the first agent from 1889 to 1895 it rose to $21,917.07; under the second from 1895 to 1899 to $37,877.42; and under the third from 1899 to 1909 to $168,879.61. Facts and figures prove that the slowly receding feeling against the multiplication of general

agents for work in the Church is unreasoning and unreasonable. The wisdom of the Church in its methods of operation ought to be as far superior to that of the world as it is in its doctrines.

The Rev. C. L .Fry, D.D., the Eastern representative, who has stirred up considerable interest in the cause, is now serving a congregation at Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, and, by special agreement with the Board, is giving, with reduced compensation, only part of his time to the Society. It is to be regretted that the Rev. F. S. Beistel, the Western representative, felt constrained to relinquish the work which he so much loved and in which he was so successful. The Rev. G. C. Smith has been elected as the Central representative, and is laboring in Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. He is giving a splendid account of his stewardship. Whilst on the one hand we are confident that the best interests of the Society demand an increase of representatives in the field, yet in the present scarcity of ministers we have hesitated in calling a sufficient number from parishes, and competent laymen find other occupations more attractive. But we must increase our working force if we would have assets adequate to the growing demands.

In this emergency we have arranged for a "Church Extension Itinerary," to reach if possible all our congregations in the shortest possible time, present the cause from the pulpit and from house to house, and give our people an opportunity to contribute toward this fund. We have asked, and a number of pastors have agreed to become volunteers, the Board paying their necessary expenses and the pastors giving their services gratis. We are ready to furnish them with the necessary facts. It is the object to have neighboring pastors exchange pulpits and assist each other in canvassing their parishes for funds. Whilst we realize, that, by this method, we cannot secure such a return as we could through the employment of men who could become specialists in the work, yet we are certain that far more will be accomplished than we possibly could attain with the few men in our employ. By this method, as never before, the whole Church in a short period will be made acquainted with the work and need of Church Extension. We still plead for an increasing number of volunteers.

We would also call the Church's attention to the fact that the applications for loans are far beyond what we can supply. We are saddened, that many worthy applicants must be declined. The Board does not claim infallibility but "Impartiality" for its dealings. It is painful to know that many a deserving pastor and congregation must be denied adequate equipment for their work or struggle along with a heavy interest-bearing debt because our funds are too meagre to assist them.

In addition to the increasing income we are gratified to know that an increasing number of congregations are repaying loans which have been previously granted, but there is still much room for improvement in this direction. We would earnestly plead with all the beneficiaries of the Society to repay the loans, so that the money may help other Lutheran churches.

The present officers of the Society are: President, Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D.; Treasurer, E. Augustus Miller, Esq.; Secretary, Hon. William H. Staake.

Managers: Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D., Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D., Rev. Jacob Fry, D.D., Rev. E. P. Pfatteicher, Ph.D., Rev. George W. Sandt, D.D., Messrs. John Willing, James H. Wolfe, James N. Mohr, E. R. Artman, E. Augustus Miller, A. C. Albrecht, James M. Snyder, E. J. Bergstresser, William H. Staake, George E. Schlegelmilch, and Theodore C. Birnbaum.

The Standing Committees of the Society are:

Executive Committee: Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D., ex-officio; Rev. Jacob Fry, D.D., E. Augustus Miller, F. J. Bergstresser.

Committee on Loans: Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D., Chairman; Messrs. James N. Snyder, James N. Wolfe, and J. C. Kunzmann, advisory.

Finance Committee: Messrs. John Willing, E. R. Artman, James M. Mohr.

Other sources of income are:

1. Pyramid offerings in our churches and Sunday-schools during Lent.
2. Active Memberships by the annual payment of $5.
3. Life Memberships by the payment of $50.
4. Perpetual Fund, to be named by the donor contributing $1,000.
5. Annuities during life on any sum placed to the use of the Society.
6. Personal contributions solicited by our representatives.
7. Bequests in last wills and Testaments.

The following is the report of the Treasurer embracing the years 1907-1909:

To balance on hand			$ 6,770 99
Contributions as follows:			
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$16,258 04		
Pittsburgh Synod	7,947 18		
New York and New England Synod	2,796 58		
District Synod of Ohio	2,372 30		
Chicago Synod	1,006 30		
Synod of the Northwest	1,482 84		
Pacific Synod	75 19		
Nova Scotia Synod	124 46		
New York Ministerium	45 32		
Individuals	7,609 77		
Unclassified sources	51 26		
Tour of missionaries	141 46		
		$39,910 70	
Interest on deposits		236 21	
Receipts from legacies as follows:			
Estate of Reuben Hill	$ 1,283 48		
Estate of Georgianna Schaeffer	237 50		
Estate of Louisa A. Brenneman	238 12		
Estate of Rebecca Nofsken	885 77		
		$ 2,644 87	
			$42,791 78

Repayment of loans as follows:	
St. Mark's, Minneapolis	$ 1,200 00
Zion, Olney	150 00
Church of Our Saviour, Trenton	1,000 00
St. James, St. Paul	625 00
Trinity, Haverford	1,000 00
St. Peter's, Chicago	297 38

St. James, Portland, Ore.	$8 50	
Holy Trinity, Cleveland, Ohio	2,000 00	
		$6,281 07
Special loan, Zion, Olney, Philadelphia		800 00
Merchants' National Bank, discount of note for Church of Advocate, Germantown		984 67
		$58,288 51

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Salary of Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, agent	$ 1,527 77	
Expenses of Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, office, travel, stationery	744 57	
Salary of Rev. C. L. Fry	1,999 98	
Expenses of Rev. C. L. Fry	59 53	
Salary of Rev. F. S. Beistel	2,400 00	
Expenses of Rev. F. S. Beistel	567 61	
Salary of Rev. G. C. Smith	250 00	
Expenses	169 69	
Clerk service	150 00	
Printing, postage, expressage	420 19	
Pyramids	1,188 71	
Incidentals	46 00	
Taxes on property at Bismarck	91 03	
		$ 9,615 08
Loans granted:		
Zion's Church, Defiance, Ohio	$ 1,000 00	
Church of Redeemer, Aurora, Ill.	2,500 00	
Church of Redeemer, Sioux Falls, S. D.	5,000 00	
Christ Church, Detroit, Mich.	5,000 00	
St. James, Portland, Ore.	3,000 00	
St. Luke's, Toledo, Ohio	2,000 00	
Epiphany, Milwaukee, Wis.	3,000 00	
Holy Trinity, Minneapolis, Minn.	1,200 00	
St. Paul's, Toronto, Canada	5,000 00	
Holy Communion, Harrisburg, Pa.	3,000 00	
Church of Reformation, New Britain, Conn.	2,000 00	
St. James, Chicago, Ill.	2,500 00	
Church of Holy Trinity, Salt Lake City, Utah	2,600 00	
Church of Atonement, Beloit, Wis.	1,500 00	
Zion Church, Olney, Pa.	800 00	
Church of Redeemer, Austin, Ill.	2,500 00	
		42,600 00
Paid Banks on account of notes discounted for Church of Advocate, Germantown		1,650 63
		$53,865 71
Balance, January 1, 1909		4,422 80
		$58,288 51

Total assets, January 1st, 1909, $168,879.91.

In response to the request of the General Council, asking that steps be taken to bring the "Society into organic union with the General Council," we would answer:

1. That the Society in every possible way serving the General Council, and according to its By-Laws can serve no other body. Article I, Section 1, reads: "The object of this Society primarily shall be the securing of a capital fund with which to extend the work and operations of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, by granting loans from such fund without interest for a period of years to congregations overburdened with interest-bearing debt or for the purchase of lots for the erection of church buildings where such congregations of themselves are unable without such assistance to provide or maintain a local place of worship or such as may satisfy the need or demands of the case."

II. That the Committee in charge of the matter reports that there are legal difficulties in the way. On this subject we submit the opinion of Judge W. H. Staake.

"The Society is a corporation, incorporated by an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved February 18, 1871, Pamphlet Laws, page 99.

"Its object as expressed in its charter is: 'For the purpose of purchasing ground and erecting thereon Lutheran churches and of being made by law competent to purchase and hold in a corporate capacity real estate and to do and perform such other acts as may be required for the purpose of carrying out to the full and true intent of the proposed organization.

"Section IV. provides: 'That the control, management and administration of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in the President and Board of Managers: and they shall have full power to purchase or lease estate, real, personal or mixed, or take or receive donations of the same, by will or otherwise with the right to sell, lease or convey the same to congregations or others, as they may deem advisable, and also the right of encumbering the same by judgment, mortgage or otherwise, for the purpose of erecting churches, chapels, missions or institutions of learning and they shall have full power to enter into contracts for the purchase, sale or lease of real or personal property, as well as for the erection of churches, chapels, missions of institutions of learning.'

"The annual income shall not exceed the sum of $50,000.

"The Society can borrow money at a rate of interest not exceeding 7 per cent. as they may from time to time require for the purpose of building churches, or other similar institutions, and may give receipts or evidences of indebtedness or other legal obligations therefor to the parties advancing or loaning such sums. No obligations can be issued for a less sum than $100. Funds can only be applied to the legitimate objects of the Society.

"On the basis of this object it has solicited contributions of money and bequests, and holds in trust properties for others, has made contracts and held itself out to the world as a Pennsylvania corporation. Now, it is asked by an unincorporated body, the General Council being such, to arrange to become an integral part of it. The General Council has a Constitution but no Charter. It has no incorporated body, 'The Trustees of the General Council,' which holds the title to its real properties:

"In what manner is the incorporated Mission and Church Extension Society to become a part of the unincorporated body?

"Shall it at considerable expense try to amend its Charter?

"Will a Pennsylvania Court permit it to place its accumulated property, amounting to some $167,879.91 in the control of an unincorporated body, having representatives of various bodies, English, German, Swedish, Norwegian, etc., as its members, a changeable body,—as its delegates from its various district Synods change from time to time. It is doubtful if such an amendment will be permitted by the Court.

"It is also very doubtful if the changing of the organic character of the Society would not be a violation of the contractual obligations to those who have given it money or become members, on a basis and status existing in the Society, at the time of making the gift or becoming members.

"The Society has confined its operations to the English Missions. If it becomes an integral part of the General Council, will it extend its operations to German, Swedish, Norwegian and other missions? It has amended its By-Laws to provide for the government and control of its operations by members of churches in organic union with the Council and in hearty sympathy with it.

"The practical and legal difficulties, as set forth, may not be appreciated by some of our friends of the Council. If they are not insurmountable and unwise, of course, they should be overcome. Will the good friends who propose the change, indicate how it can be practically attained?

III. As throwing more light on the subject, I quote from the By-Laws of the Society the following:

ARTICLE III. THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Sec. I. The Board of Managers shall consist only of communicant members in full and regular standing of some church in connection with a Synod which is in union with the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, and none but such shall be eligible for election to said Board.

Sec. II. The control, management, and administration of all the affairs and business of the Society shall be vested in the Board of Managers in conjunction with the President of the Society.

ARTICLE X. LOANS.

Sec. I. Loans shall be made and aid granted only to those applicants who are members of some Synod in connection with the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, or have made application for membership therein, and which use the English language exclusively or chiefly in their services.

ARTICLE XV. REVERSION OF CAPITAL.

Should this Society cease to exist, all funds and capital shall be given over to the Trustees of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America for the general and special purposes for which they have been contributed.

On behalf of the Society,

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. W. J. Miller, D.D., of Greensburg, Pa.

WILLIAM H. STAAKE, *Secretary.*

THIRD SESSION

Friday, September 10, 2 p. m.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. Frank C. Oberly, of Greenville, Pa.

The Minutes of the Second Session were read and adopted.

The Rev. M. C. Haberland read and the Council concluded report on the Fourth Part of the President's Report. See First Session.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Benze it was

Resolved, That the Special Order, the consideration of the Theses on Inspiration, be dispensed with.

The consideration of the English Home Mission Board's Report was resumed. See the Second Session.

Mr. W. H. Hager presented and the Council adopted the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET,

Your Committee on Budget, having heard the representatives of the following Boards, recommend the following stated appropriations:

Porto Rico Mission Board	$16,500.00	per annum for 2 years.
Slav Mission Board	5,000.00	per annum for 2 years.
German Home Mission Board	9,000.00	per annum for 2 years.
Foreign Mission Board	45,000.00	per annum for 2 years.
English Home Mission Board	60,700.00	per annum for 2 years.
	$136,200.00	per annum.
Total for two years	$272,400.00	

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. HAGER, *Chairman.*
W. WARREN WATTLES,
A. C. ALBRECHT.

In the Fifth Session the German Home Mission Board appropriation was raised to $10,000, making the total sum $137,200 per annum.

In the Tenth Session, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Drach, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance make the apportionments to the various Synods but that the Foreign Mission Board be permitted to insert their apportionment in the Minutes.

FOREIGN MISSION APPORTIONMENTS TO SYNODS.

Pennsylvania Synod	$17,000 00
Augustana Synod	17,000 00

Pittsburgh Synod	$ 5,700 00
New York and New England Synod	1,900 00
New York Ministerium	1,700 00
Canada Synod	1,000 00
Northwest Synod	650 00
Ohio Synod	500 00
Chicago Synod	400 00
Nova Scotia Synod	150 00
Pacific Synod	100 00
Manitoba Synod	100 00
Central Canada Synod	100 00

Foreign Missions being the Special Order it was on motion of the Rev. Mr. Drach

Resolved, That, during the consideration of the Foreign Mission Report, the privileges of the floor be granted to the Rev. Dr. John W. Harpster, D.D., of Rajahmundry, India.

The Rev. Dr. Horn then presented the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS,

PART I.

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America:

INTRODUCTION.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Forty years ago, two years after its organization, the General Council began its foreign mission work. Forty years ago the Rev. C. F. Heyer, M.D., in the seventy-seventh year of his age, sailed for the third time from America to India, commissioned to reclaim the Rajahmundry Mission for the Lutheran Church and to reorganize it for the General Council, which at its meeting in the Swedish Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chicago, November 4-10, 1869, endorsed the action of the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Ministerium in having sent Dr. Heyer on his mission to India, and accepted the custody and control of the Telugu Mission, located at Rajahmundry and Samulkot. Dr. Heyer left New York August 31, and reached Rajahmundry December 1, 1869. The remnants of the mission of the North German Missionary Society of Bremen, begun in 1845, at Rajahmundry, which had been in the possession of the Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States since 1850, and which the missionaries of the Church Missionary Society in India were willing to gather up and patch on their established India Missions, were, in the estimation of Dr. Heyer and Rev. C. W. Groenning, both of whom had labored at Rajahmundry, too valuable to be thrown away; and it was due to their efforts, seconded by H. C. Schmidt and C. F. J. Becker, pupils of Groenning in Schleswig-Holstein, who volunteered to be the foreign missionaries of the

General Council, were accepted and sent to assist Dr. Heyer, that the General Council secured its Telugu Mission in India.

Forty years have passed since the first foreign missionary of the Lutheran Church in America began the General Council's foreign mission work. The mustard seed has grown and become a tree of goodly proportions. Heyer described the mission in 1869 in the following words: "I found one catechist, one school teacher, and dilapidated buildings in Rajahmundry, one catechist, one school teacher and a school-house in Muramunda, and one school-house and a few children in Metta. On Easter Sunday, 1870, twenty-five communed in Rajahmundry, and on the preceding Sunday twenty-two in Muramunda. The total number of converts was, perhaps, one hundred." Today our Telugu Mission counts a native Christian community of over 15,000, with 426 villages, in which there are Christians or inquirers, scattered over a territory larger than the State of Connecticut, embracing parts of the Godaveri and Kistna districts on both sides of the Godaveri river from the bay of Bengal inland to the Rampa Hills. Our twenty foreign missionaries, including the wives of missionaries, are actively engaged in every branch of mission industry. Our home-Church is supporting their work to the extent of about $40,000 a year. But, the opportunities for development in every direction are so manifold and promising, that we must ask our Church for more missionaries and more money, in order that the ground which has been gained may be held and improved and more land may be possessed for our King, the Redeemer of the world.

In addition to our Telugu Mission in India, we have begun work also in Japan in co-operation with our brethren of the United Synod in the South, and this second foreign mission of the General Council increases both our responsibility and our opportunity as those to whom, also, our Lord's great commission applies.

I. HOME ADMINISTRATION.

Meetings and Officers.—In a conscientious endeavor to fulfill its duties as the General Council's Committee on Foreign Missions, the Board held eighteen regular and special meetings since the last convention of the General Council. At the meeting for re-organization in October, 1907, the following officers were elected: President, Rev. Edward T. Horn, D.D., LL.D.; Treasurer, Philip S. Zieber, Esq.; English Recording Secretary, Mr. James M. Snyder; German Recording Secretary, Mr. Conrad Itter; Swedish Recording Secretary, Rev. C. E. Slaett. The duties of corresponding secretary were assigned to the General Secretary. In September, 1908, after having served faithfully and well for seven years, Mr. Philip S. Zieber resigned as the Board's treasurer, and Mr. James M. Snyder was elected his successor. The General Secretary was appointed to serve temporarily as the English Recording Secretary. The complex of the Board remained the same up to May, 1909, when the Rev. C. E. Slaett resigned, having removed from Philadelphia to Minnesota. The Rev. F. Jacobson, Ph.D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., was elected his successor.

The General Secretary has carefully performed the duties assigned to

him and has been able to serve the Board in many ways, some of which were not contemplated in his appointment, but in which he has most willingly served.

Home Expenditures.—The expense of home-administration now averages about $3,500 a year, which is about nine per cent. of the entire annual expenditure. The principal items of home-expenditure are, besides the salary of the General Secretary, his traveling and office expenses, which average about $275 a year, the traveling expenses of board members, which have been about $250 a year during the past biennium, and the literature published, which costs about $1000 a year.

Church-House in Philadelphia.—With regard to a Church-House in Philadelphia, concerning which this Board was to confer with other Boards of the General Council, the following resolution was passed: "Pending the action of the General Council with respect to the transfer of one of its Boards to Chicago, this Board is not ready to make any recommendations on the subject."

II. LITERATURE.

The Board believes that the diffusion of literature is absolutely essential to the extended development of the spirit and effort of foreign missions. It, therefore, has devoted more of its funds than in former years to the publication of pamphlets, tracts and circulars, which were either distributed gratis or are offered for sale at very low prices to insure their widest possible circulation, and it intends to pursue this policy of missionary education.

The Board recommends the introduction of mission study wherever it is possible, and is prepared through its General Secretary to advise in the selection of mission-study books and helps. We would urge upon our pastors and congregations the great advantage of more intimate acquaintance with the foreign mission work of the Christian Church, past and present, and especially with our own mission endeavors in India and Japan. We call upon our pastors to aid the Board in the widest possible distribution of the Board's publications, in particular, of the Board's English and German monthly mission papers, "The Foreign Missionary" and the "Missionsbote." These papers are ably edited and offered at a very low price and deserve much wider circulation in our congregations, schools and societies.

The business managements of these papers have remained as heretofore. $850 surplus of the "Missionsbote" account were covered into the Board's treasury since September, 1907, while "The Foreign Missionary" called for $100 from the Board's treasury, but may be said to be self-supporting, since the increase of club rates went into effect.

The report of "The Foreign Missionary" for the year, July 1, 1908, to July 1, 1909, was as follows:

Cash Deficit, July 1, 1908	$ 112 43
Expenditures for the year ending July 1, 1909	1001 04
	$1113 47

Receipts for the year ending July 1, 1909	$1026 89	
Cash Deficit, July 1, 1909	86 58	
		$1113 47

The report of the "Missionsbote" for the year, July 1, 1908, to July 1, 1909, was as follows:

Balance July 1, 1908	$ 379 08	
Receipts for the year ending July 1, 1909	1774 40	
		$2126 48
Expenditures for the year ending July 1, 1909	$1350 86	
Paid Board Treasurer	200 00	
	$1550 86	
Balance, July 1, 1909	575 62	
		$2126 48

III. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Haas' Fund.—After the Haas' lands had been transferred by Dr. H. C. Schmidt to the mission, Mr. John G. Haas, of Lancaster, Penn'a, made the following agreement with the Board: "I herewith give my full and free consent, that the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America shall use the so-called Haas' Endowment Fund according to its best judgment for the development of any part or department of the work of the American Evangelical Lutheran Mission in the Godavery and Kistna Districts of the Madras Presidency in India."

F. W. Weiskotten Memorial Fund.—The F. W. Weiskotten Memorial Fund for the education of native workers, which on July 1, 1909, amounted to $1853.97, is to be invested as soon as possible.

Wm. H. Trabert Foundation.—In March, 1908, Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D., Minneapolis, paid into the Board's treasury the sum of $200 to be invested as the Wm. H. Trabert Foundation, for the education and support of native Christian workers in our Telugu Mission. This sum was deposited in the Philadelphia Saving Fund Society.

Legacies.—The income from legacies during the biennium has been very slight. Only two are recorded, namely, in June, 1908, from the estate of Mrs. Anna Moeller, nee Weinholtz, deceased, $500, and in July, 1909, from the estate of Miss Jetter, Buffalo, $101.01.

Braun Industrial Printery.—Thanks to the liberal contributions of Mr. Wm. P. M. Braun, Philadelphia, the mission press in Rajahmundry has been supplied with a large assortment of English and Telugu type. We are grateful to Mr. Braun both for the financial aid given and the promise of future assistance for this important branch of our Mission.

Mission Leagues.—Through the effort of the Monaca Mission League and other Mission Leagues in the Pittsburg Synod, $600 were contributed for the epidemic ward of the Girls' Central School. A number of congregations in the Pittsburg Synod have, also, continued to send contributions for Miss Schade's salary, but the full amount required has not been raised.

Missionaries Supported.—The Luther Leagues of Buffalo have continued to pay the salary of Missionary Karl L. Wolters; the Young Ladies' For-

eign Mission Society of the First Swedish Lutheran Church, of St. Paul, Minn., the Rev. Peter Peterson, pastor, one-half of the Rev. O. O. Eckardt's salary, and St. James' Church, Portland, Oregon, Rev. J. A. Leas, pastor, has pledged itself to raise the salary of our woman missionary, Miss Emilie L. Weiskotten.

Appropriations for Medical Work.—In response to appeals from the Board for increased appropriations for the medical work the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Pennsylvania Ministerium promised to raise $300 during the current year, in addition to the $250 annually contributed; the newly-organized Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Chicago Synod pledged $100, the Augustana Woman's Missionary Society assumed the support of Dr. Betty A. Nilsson, and the other Synodical Woman's Societies promised to increase their contributions for this special object.

Funds for Hospital.—For the Lutheran Hospital for Women and Children, Rajahmundry, the Woman's H. and F. Missionary Societies of the Pennsylvania and Augustana Synods will aim to raise $10,000 each, and the Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society of the Western Conference of the New York and New England Synod will contribute $2857 to build the Maternity Ward. Of the latter sum $250 will be raised by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Synod of Central Canada. We must rely upon our Woman's Societies to finance this great undertaking, and we know that we shall not be disappointed.

Synodical Apportionments.—Several of the Synods at their 1909 conventions, convinced of the pressing need of more funds to meet the growing demands of our foreign mission work, took action which insures a larger income for the Board. The Pennsylvania Ministerium granted a synodical apportionment of $17,000, the Pittsburg Synod increased its apportionment fifteen per cent., the New York Ministerium included foreign missions among the items of its synodical apportionment, the New York and New England Synod promised to return to its high mark of contributions, the Nova Scotia Synod asked its congregations to double the amount raised by the Synod for foreign missions, the Pacific Synod is filled with the foreign mission spirit, and all the other Synods show willingness to do more than heretofore.

Independent Synods.—We thankfully acknowledge the continued support given our work by many friends in the Iowa and other independent synods. The Icelandic Evangelical Lutheran Synod has begun to contribute regularly and holds out the hope of being able in the future to support a foreign missionary.

American Tract Society.—We gratefully acknowledge an annual contribution of $40 from the American Tract Society for the publication and distribution of Christian literature in the Telugu language.

IV. MISSIONARIES.

During the past two years the Telugu Mission lost two ordained missionaries and two woman missionaries by resignation and one woman missionary by death on the field. One additional ordained missionary and

three additional women missionaries were secured and sent to India. There has, therefore, been a net loss of one missionary. Two woman missionaries returned in 1907 after furlough in America, and one ordained missionary and two woman missionaries are now on furlough in America.

The Rev. C. F. Kuder, who had served in our Telugu Mission from 1891 to 1900 and then resigned and served a number of congregations in Pennsylvania, was called to return to our service as a foreign missionary on October 3, 1907. He accepted and was commissioned by the General Secretary in Trinity Lutheran Church, Lehighton, of which his brother, the Rev. J. H. Kuder, is the pastor, Sunday evening, December 29, 1907. He sailed from New York, January 1, 1908, leaving his wife and children at Salem, Va. He reached Rajahmundry, January 26, 1908, and succeeded the Rev. F. W. Wackernagel as manager of the Boys' Central School.

After a farewell service in Zion's Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, Sunday evening, October 27, 1907, Miss Emilie L. Weiskotten returned to Rajahmundry to resume charge of the Hindu Girls' Schools. She reached her destination in November, 1907.

Dr. Amy B. Rohrer having been graduated from the Woman's Medical College, Philadelphia, and having passed, in November, 1907, the Massachusetts State Medical Board examination, was commissioned by the President on Tuesday evening, December 3, 1907, in Grace Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Pa., of which she was a member. She sailed from New York Tuesday, December 10, 1907, in the company of Dr. Lydia Woerner. They reached Rajahmundry January 28, 1908.

Miss Sigrid Esberhn, of Chicago, was called by the Board at its May meeting, 1908. Dr. Betty A. Nilsson, of Rockford, Ill., having been graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the University of Illinois, and having spent about a year as an interne in the Cook County Hospital, Ill., was called by the Board at its meeting in July, 1908. These two young ladies were commissioned by the President in Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church, Chicago, Thursday evening, October 15, 1908. On their way to New York they stopped over in Philadelphia, where on Sunday evening, October 18, in St. Mark's English Lutheran Church, a farewell service was held. They sailed from New York Tuesday, October 20, and reached Rajahmundry, December 9, 1908.

Miss Charlotte Swenson, who had returned to Rajahmundry in 1905 to resume charge of the Zenana work, and who during the succeeding two years did excellent work in that department, died of consumption, July 20, 1908. Her remains were interred in the Mission Cemetery in Rajahmundry. She was the first woman missionary of the General Council to lay down her life on the field in India as a sacrifice to the great cause of foreign missions. Tributes of respect were paid to her memory by the missionaries and Christians of our Telugu Mission and by the Board.

Miss Susan E. Monroe, of Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, who had gone to India in the fall of 1902 at her own expense and had devoted herself for five years to our Telugu Mission in India, assisting the other woman mission-

aries, substituting for Miss Weiskotten during her absence on furlough, and teaching in a number of Sunday-schools in Rajahmundry, returned to America, reaching Philadelphia, July 7, 1908. In August, 1908, the Board officially expressed to her its high appreciation of her gratuitous service in India.

Miss Hedwig Wahlberg, who had been in charge of the department of nursing in the temporary hospital in Rajahmundry, was granted a furlough in the spring of 1908, after having suffered from a severe attack of illness from which she recovered in the Guntur Hospital. In a letter from Tunafors Gord, Eskilstuna, Sweden, dated September 21, 1908, she offered her resignation as a missionary, whereupon the Board took the following action:

"Resolved, That the Board has received Miss Wahlberg's letter, in which she gives notice of her determination to retire from our service in the medical work in India and with it has received advice from the Executive Committee in India of the same tenor and, therefore,

"Resolved, That with grateful recognition of Miss Wahlberg's service, and of the spirit in which she has rendered it, the Board herewith accepts her resignation, her salary to be continued to April 1, 1909, and her traveling expenses to her home in America to be paid, if she so desires."

In January, 1908, the Rev. E. H. Trafford offered his resignation, which was accepted.

In November, 1907, the Rev. F. W. Wackernagel asked the Board to take action on his resignation, which the Board wished him to withdraw. At its meeting in December his resignation was accepted, to take effect March 1, 1908. In a letter from Rajahmundry, dated January 13, 1908, he informed the Board that he had withdrawn from the mission and would leave Rajahmundry in the company of Rev. E. H. Trafford in February, 1908.

On April 7, 1909, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Harpster left Rajahmundry on furlough. On their way to America they visited China and Japan. They reached San Francisco, July 5, 1909.

On account of illness, which threatened her sight, Miss Agnes I. Schade, after several weeks of special treatment in Madras, left India and returned to the United States. The time of her furlough had been long overdue, yet she felt that she ought not to leave the Girls' Central School, Rajahmundry, of which she had charge, without, at least, a temporary manager during her absence on furlough. Fortunately Dr. Rohrer could be spared from the medical work for awhile, in order to manage the affairs of the school as a supply, while Miss Schade seeks rest and recuperation on furlough in America. She left Colombo, July 21, 1909.

V. ADDITIONAL MISSIONARIES NEEDED.

The Board has made every effort to secure at least two additional ordained and three additional women missionaries for our Telugu Mission, and one additional ordained missionary for Japan, but thus far has failed.

Arrangements have been made with the Mary J. Drexel Home and Motherhouse of Deaconesses, Philadelphia, to give young ladies, willing to enter our service as foreign missionaries, a course of training which will fit them for work in the mission. The Motherhouse offers to do this without expense to the Board, and the Board will avail itself of this splendid opportunity as soon and as often as young ladies can be found to take advantage of it.

VI. THE COMMISSION OF INSPECTION.

In compliance with the resolution of the General Council, calling for an inspection of our Telugu Mission by a commission of two men, one of whom was to be a layman, and neither of whom was to be a member of the Board, Prof. C. W. Foss, Ph.D., of Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., was chosen by the Board at its meeting in October, 1907, and his appointment was approved by the President of the General Council. In July, 1908, the second commissioner, the Rev. C. Theo. Benze, President of the Pittsburg Synod, pastor of St. Stephen's Church, Erie, Pa., was chosen and approved. Before leaving the United States they met the Board, October 1, 1908, and were given the following letter of instructions:

LETTER OF INSTRUCTION TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL'S COMMISSION OF INSPECTION.

The Commissioners are:

I. To sail by direct route to India and to visit other missions in India, especially the Lutheran Missions in India, before going to our own field.

II. To arrive in Rajahmundry at the same time; to spend at least six weeks in our field; to do the work of inspection together and not separately; to keep a diary, which shall become the property of the Board, and to submit a written report to the Board, signed by both members of the Commission, before they separate. If written in India, this report should be composed elsewhere than on the territory of our Mission.

III. To visit all of the stations in our Mission together, and as many outstations as the Commissioners may deem necessary in order to gain a fair idea of the Mission work as a whole.

IV. To investigate and report on:

1. The Mission as a whole.
2. The work of each missionary in his district or department.
3. The opportunities for development, and growth in any direction.
4. The possibility of greater economy.
5. The adequacy of support from America.
6. The need of buildings.
7. The prospects of native self-support and self-government.

V. To inspect the Mission Schools and especially:

1. The Boys' Central School in Rajahmundry, and report on:
   a. Its efficiency.
   b. The location of the new buildings, whether favorable to the

specific work of the school or not.

2. The Boys' High School.
   a. The condition of the old buildings in the town.
   b. Their location, whether suitable for carrying on school work or not.
   c. The necessity of a separate institution in Rajahmundry to be conducted as a High School.
3. The Girls' Central School; its efficiency.
4. The Hindu Girls' Schools.
   a. Their value in Mission work.
   b. If their number is now sufficient.
5. The Peddapur High School.
   a. The value of the School to the Mission.
   b. The need of new buildings.
   c. The importance of the school as compared with the Rajahmundry High School.
   d. The possibility, the difficulty, etc., of securing Christian teachers for school work of a higher grade.
6. The Sunday Schools.

VI. To attend the meetings of the Mission Council and Executive Committee, and to ascertain:

1. How they are conducted.
2. What part the women missionaries take.
3. What might be done to effect more harmonious co-operation.

VII. To inspect the Zenana and Medical work as far as possible and to ascertain:

1. The relative importance of each branch.
2. Their value as evangelistic agencies.

VIII. To suggest how Rajahmundry as a city may be evangelized more effectively.

IX. To ascertain the prospects of work in Rangoon, Burma.

X. To learn the value of the property belonging to the Mission and especially to investigate the condition of the Haas lands.

XI. To inspect the Press, Book Store and Lace Industry, and to offer suggestions as to their future management and development.

XII. To examine the method of book-keeping and keeping of records by each Missionary so as to insure uniformity.

XIII. To note the manner of conducting public services and the matter and method used in school instruction and to suggest how to secure a uniform practice.

XIV. To suggest what revision should be made to the existing rules and regulations in general and in detail.

XV. The Commissioners are to remember that they are to examine and

report to the Board, but are not authorized to make any changes in the Mission whatever.

XVI. Immediately on their arrival in America they are to notify the officers of the Board and hold themselves in readiness to attend a meeting of the Board, called to confer with them as Commissioners.

The expense connected with the sending of this Commission amounted to $2466, which was incurred by order of the General Council. The items of expenditure included the traveling expenses to and from India, expenses in India and the supplies in their respective offices at home.

The Commissioners' Report is printed in full as the second part of the Board's Report.

VII. MISCELLANY CONCERNING OUR TELUGU MISSION.

Hospital Being Built.—Plans and specifications of the Lutheran Hospital for Women and Children, Rajahmundry, drawn by a government architect, approved by the Mission Council, and the Commissioners, and adopted by the Board with slight modifications, call for an approximate outlay of $22,000. Money has been sent to gather the material, Rev. Rudolph Arps has been appointed superintendent of construction, active building operations are to begin at once, and the buildings are to be completed in two years. The Building Committee consists of Revs. R. Arps and Karl L. Wolters and Dr. Lydia Woerner.

Boys' Central School.—The new Boys' Central School buildings, completed, cost about $20,000. January 1, 1909, the school was removed from the old to the new buildings. At the same time the High School Department, formerly connected with the Boys' Central School, was discontinued. Its discontinuance was demanded in the judgment of the Board, first, because no assurance was given that the staff of Hindu teachers could be replaced by a staff of Christian teachers; secondly, because the Board felt that two Hindu High Schools in our Mission, at present, were not practicable and the one at Peddapur offered peculiarly promising opportunities for work among the high-caste men and should, therefore, be continued; and, thirdly, because the financial condition of the Board was such as to forbid the immediate expenditure which was required by the Indian government to equip a separate Boys' High School in Rajahmundry.

The High School Department had failed to meet the demands of the Indian Government, which some years ago withdrew its grant in aid; and it had not been found effectual as an evangelizing agency. The native workers in our mission come from the Boys' Central School, and it is the policy of the Board to develop this School and add to it a Theological Department, for the specific purpose of training teachers for our schools and pastors for our churches in India.

By order of the Board an elementary school for the children of our congregation in Rajahmundry was opened in the old school buildings.

Peddapur High School.—Concerning the Peddapur High School, the Board passed the following resolution in March, 1908:

"*Resolved,* That the Board is unwilling to relinquish the only opening it ever had to influence those of better conditions in India, and while at the present unable to supply the school buildings and a man who can make the most of the opportunity, the Board has hoped to carry the school along for awhile until able to supply them, and

"*Resolved,* That the Board decides to continue its relation to the High School at Peddapur and instructs the Executive Committee to give notice to that effect to the school and the officers of government."

Vindication of Rev. J. William.—To determine finally the truth of certain charges repeatedly made by native agents in the Bhimavaram district against the native pastor, J. William, the Board ordered an investigation, as requested by the General Council at its last meeting. The ordained missionaries in India, to whom the case was referred, passed the following resolution April 9, 1908:

"Whereas, The Ministerium in January, 1903, investigated the Rev. J. William's case and found that the charges preferred were not sustained, and

"Whereas, In the fall of 1907, the Executive Committee investigated the case and arrived at the same conclusion, and

"Whereas, The Rev. Dr. Harpster investigated the case again with the same result, and the Ministerium endorses his statements, be it

"*Resolved,* That Rev. J. William's case be dropped and that no further investigation is necessary, and that the Ministerium deem it advisable that Rev. J. William be not placed in charge of work in the Bhimawaram district."

Rangoon, Burma.—Concerning the establishment of a congregation in Rangoon, Burma, whither the Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D., went in May, 1907, and where for a few months thereafter the catechist, Vungara Sreeramalu, labored, we were advised by Dr. Harpster that the Leipsic missionary and catechist at work in that city, were able to provide for our Telugu Lutherans living in Rangoon and its vicinity, as well as the circumstances permitted. Our catechist was, therefore, withdrawn and the Board resolved to take no further action in this direction.

From the bankrupt firm of Arbuthnot & Co., with which our Mission had over $6000 deposited at the time of its failure, in October, 1906, only $176.66 were realized, which were covered into the Building Fund of the Boys' Central School.

India Boxes.—For many years Woman's Missionary Societies and Young People's Societies throughout our Church have sent to India each year a number of boxes containing clothing, food, toys, etc. At the meeting of the Mission Council in India, held December 30, 1907, the following resolution was passed:

"*Resolved,* That in view of the effect upon our native Christians of the gifts of clothing, etc., which have been sent so liberally each year from the Home-Church in the Christmas boxes, we, as a Mission Council, respectfully ask, that our kind donors present their gifts in money to the Foreign Mission treasurer and that this arrangement begin if possible with the year 1908."

Native Pastors.—The following action was taken by the Board at its May, 1909, meeting: (1) "The Board wishes to know whether the Ministerium in India is ready to recommend any native Christians for ordination to the pastorate and what steps should be taken to secure a native ministry." (2) "The Board wishes the Mission Council to consider the question whether the wages of native workers in our Mission should be increased, and if so to suggest a scale."

OUR JAPAN MISSION.

At the meeting of our Board, held February 6, 1908, the Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D., President of the Board of Missions of the United Synod in the South, and the Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D., one of the missionaries of that Board in Japan, appeared as the representatives of the United Synod's Board to lay before our Board the following proposal: "That we most respectfully solicit at the hands of the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America such co-operation with us in the mission work in Japan as shall commend itself to the Boards co-operating, whereby our Lutheran interests in Japan may be the more successfully promoted." Several hours were spent in conference with these representatives, whereupon our Board took the following action:

"*Resolved,* That we have been much gratified by the presence of the Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D., President of the Board of Missions of the United Synod South, and the Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D., missionary of the same body to Japan, and are deeply impressed with the presentation they have made, and that their appeal for our co-operation in Japan be referred to a special committee of which the President of the Board shall be chairman."

The committee appointed were: Revs. Dr. H. E. Jacobs, Nelsenius, Sibole, Bielinski and Mr. Monroe.

At the meeting of the Board held May 7, 1908, this committee reported: "It is the opinion of the committee that the General Council ought to have missions in other heathen countries as well as in India.

"The call to Japan having come to us in the providence of God, from our brethren in the United Synod South, without any action on our part, the committee feels that we ought to undertake work in that empire.

"Inasmuch as men are available as missionaries, the committee advises that one or more be sent."

The report of this committee was unanimously adopted and a call was extended to Mr. Frisby D. Smith, then a Senior in our Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He accepted the call, was ordained at the meeting of the Pennsylvania Ministerium on June 15, 1908, commissioned in Trinity Lutheran Church, Reading, Pa., Sunday evening, September 6, started the next day for the land of the rising sun, and reached Japan early in October. After spending a number of weeks on the territory of the mission of the United Synod in the island of Kyushu, he went to Tokyo and became a student in a language school in that city.

On the 10th of June Miss Bessie Fenton, of Germantown, Philadelphia, left her home for Japan to become the wife of our missionary. She sailed from Seattle June 19th. The marriage took place in Yokahama, July 3, 1909.

Until our mission work in Japan is on a more permanent footing the Board has decided to be governed by the rules in force in the United Synod's Mission.

REVISED RULES AND REGULATIONS.

After having outlined the principles in general, which it believed should govern the revision of the Rules and Regulations, the Board communicated the same to the missionaries in India, who in Mission Council assembled, the Commissioners being present, offered the Revision as printed in connection with the report of the Commissioners. Certain amendments made by the Board are indicated by a different style of type in the following draft. The Rules and Regulations here following are, therefore, recommended for consideration by this General Council.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

PART I.

THE BOARD.

1. The Board of Foreign Missions of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, consists of sixteen members elected for a term of four years, half of this number being chosen at each biennial convention of the General Council.

The Board is authorized to fill any vacancies that may occur between the meetings of the General Council.

2. The Board of Foreign Missions is charged with the duty of conducting the foreign missions of the General Council. It selects, calls, commissions and sends the missionaries, directs their work in non-Christian lands and by such agencies as it may devise, stimulates in our churches interest in this work and administers contributions for the prosecution of it.

3. The Board reports to every convention of the General Council and is subject to its directions.

4. The Board is authorized to make by-laws for itself and biennially, at its first meeting after a convention of the General Council, elects its own officers.

5. The Board now conducts a mission among the Telugus in India and, also, one in Japan. Each Mission is subject to the rules and regulations made for the conduct of the Mission by the Board, subject to the approval of the General Council.

6. The Board which calls, commissions and sends the missionaries, reserves the right to recall and to dismiss any missionary for satisfactory reasons, and such recall or dismissal shall not render the Board liable for any claim.

To guard the interests of the missionaries and of the Board, every missionary before going on service, shall enter into a formal agreement with the Board, in which the Board, besides guaranteeing to the missionary the minimum of salary, shall covenant in case of recall, dismissal or resignation of the missionary with the approval of the Board, to pay the expenses of the missionary by direct route and without delay to his or her home, and to pay also the salary of the missionary for three (3) months from the date of recall, dismissal or resignation; and the missionary shall agree to conform in all things to the Rules and Regulations of the Mission and the instructions of the Board and not resign without three months' notice, duly given.

PART II.

Candidates, Qualifications and Testimonials.

1. The Board seeks in its missionaries only men and women sound in body and mind, of sufficient education, possessing intelligence, good sense and fitness for the special work to which they are appointed, especially ability to acquire a foreign language. They must be of approved character, and bring testimony to their Christian life.

2. It is understood that the missionary accepts the appointment as a call of God.

3. The Board claims the right to make full inquiry with reference to any candidate, and when it deems it wise to do so, to require of a candidate a period of training and probation in preparation for his or her calling.

4. Not only ordained missionaries, but all missionaries ought to be thoroughly grounded in the teachings of the Bible as confessed by our Church; and should have given proof of their ability to teach them to others and to draw men to the Lord. They ought, also, to be patient in spirit and able to work in co-operation with others. They undertake their work under the direction of the Church and acknowledging their obligation to obey the Rules and Regulations which may be adopted by the body in whose name they work.

5. The salary and allowances of missionaries are adjusted to the cost of living in the country to which they may be sent and are intended to provide the necessaries of life and health, that they may devote their whole time and strength to their work without anxiety.

PART III.

Rules and Regulations of the Telugu Mission in India.

(a) The Ordained Missionaries.

1. Every missionary on his first arrival in the Mission shall seek the advice and direction of the Executive Committee.

2. Every missionary shall devote his first year in the mission entirely to the study of the vernacular. During this time, except in cases of absolute necessity, of which the Mission Council shall be the judge, he shall have no responsibility in the work.

3. Every missionary shall pass the examinations in the vernacular before the examining committee of the South India Missionary Association; one at the end of the first year and the other at the end of the second year. If, however, a missionary, owing to the exigencies on the field, should have to assume charge of work during the first two years, a reasonable extension of time shall be allowed before he shall be required to appear for these examinations.

4. During the time a missionary is studying the vernacular, the missionaries shall give him opportunity to become acquainted with the work in all its departments, and it shall be his duty to acquaint himself with the work.

5. When a missionary shall have passed his first examination, he shall, in addition to the provision of the preceding rule, be employed, as time permits, in practical work as assistant to an older missionary.

6. When a missionary shall have passed the examination scheduled for the second year (then, and not until then), he shall be entitled to the full charge of a district or a department of the work, be accorded a vote and all rights and privileges, and assume the duties and responsibilities of a missionary of our Church.

7. In case an examinee should fail in either of the examinations, he may be allowed an extension of time; and should he again fail at the expiration of such time, his case shall be specially dealt with by the Board.

8. The whole time and strength of the missionaries shall be given to the work of the Mission. Additional work, whether of an industrial, mercantile or literary character, must not be engaged in without special permission of the Board, upon the recommendation of the Mission Council.

9. Missionaries are not permitted to receive for themselves compensation for service rendered to other persons. Any compensation or reward received for such services shall be paid into the mission treasury unless otherwise ordered by the Board. Money given or sent to any missionary for the use of the mission must be paid into the Mission Treasury and be subject to the order of the Board.

10. Every missionary is under appointment of the Board and the other missionaries shall have no right to change the character of his work or his field of labor.

11. Complaints of one missionary against another shall be first laid before the Executive Committee.

12. In case public offense has been given of such a character as to render immediate action necessary, the Executive Committee shall make a preliminary investigation, and if sufficient evidence of guilt appears, the Executive Committee shall at once call a meeting of the Ministerium to consider the case. When action has been taken by the Ministerium, it shall at once be reported to the Board for final action.

(b) Lay Workers.

13. Lay workers called and sent by the Board shall be subject to the same Rules and Regulations as the ordained missionaries, unless otherwise provided for.

14. They shall be members of the Mission Council, shall have the right of debate and vote in all its business, but shall not be eligible to any office except by special order of the Board.

(c) Salaries, Allowances, Leave, Furlough, Etc.

15. The amount of salary shall be determined by the Board of Foreign Missions.

16. The salary shall commence on the date of the missionary's arrival in the Mission, and shall cease on the day he leaves it.

17. The salary of a woman missionary is calculated on the basis of two or more of them living together or of one living with the family of a missionary. Whenever the Board assigns work to one that requires her to keep house alone, she shall receive during such time at the rate of $100 per annum additional to her usual salary.

18. The necessary expense of journeys to or from the Mission shall be borne by the Board. Any additional cost of longer or more expensive routes or of intentional delay on such journeys must be borne by the missionary.

19. Every missionary shall receive $100, as outfit money, on his first going out to the Mission. If accompanied by his wife he shall receive $200.

20. The salary of a missionary is expected to cover all expenses for himself and family except as provided for in the following allowances:

(a) A dwelling for the missionary and his family, including heavy furniture, not to cost more than Rs. 250, which shall remain the property of the Mission, shall be provided by the Mission.

(b) With reference to the cost of maintenance and repairs, the rule shall be that the Mission shall pay all cost which in India under like circumstances landlords would bear, and the missionary shall pay such costs as tenants would bear.

(c) Missionaries shall receive one rupee for batta, i. e., allowance for traveling expenses for every twelve hours of absence from the station when engaged in mission work within the field assigned to them or in such places as in emergencies, the Mission Council, the Ministerium, or, ad interim, the Executive Committee assigns to their care. For journeys in connection

with attendance at the meetings of the Mission Council, the Conference, etc., the Mission shall pay only the actual expenses for traveling, but no batta for the days spent at such meetings. No batta shall be granted for attending meetings outside the territory of the Mission, unless in special cases, sanctioned by the Board.

(d) Boats, the size and cost to be determined by the Mission Council, shall be provided for the use of missionaries when absolutely necessary, in parts of the field where canals form the principal ways of communication. The cost of repairs, licenses, and the wages of the serang for not more than eight months in a year, shall be borne by the Mission. The Missionary using the boat shall pay the wages of the serang when traveling and all costs connected with the same while on tour.

(e) Tents, the cost and size to be determined by the Mission Council, shall be provided for the use of missionaries in parts of the field where they are needed and where no boats are provided. The cost of repairs shall be borne by the Mission, but missionaries shall pay all costs connected with traveling in them.

(f) Salary for a munshi not exceeding Rs. 15 a month shall be allowed during the two years devoted to the study of the vernacular.

(g) Whenever necessary in the judgment of the Mission Council, a missionary shall be granted Rs. 300 for the purchase of a horse and conveyance, and from the date of such purchase, if sanctioned by the Mission Council, Rs. 20 a month for the keep of the horse. Also rickshaws and the wages of men to pull them shall be allowed under similar conditions.

(h) An allowance of $100 per annum will be made for every child of a missionary in the employ of the Mission, provided its age is not less than six nor more than eighteen years, and it is not with its parents in India.

21. If in the judgment of the Mission Council circumstances on the field permit, every missionary and lay-worker shall be annually entitled to a leave of absence of eight weeks, inclusive of the time necessary for the journey in both directions. Should a missionary spend his vacation at the Nilgiris or some other distant sanitary station, he shall receive Rs. 75 for every adult and Rs. 25 for every child that is not allowed to travel free of charge.

22. Any member of the mission staff may when necessary take a casual leave of three days; with this exception no one shall leave the field without the permission of the Mission Council, or, ad interim, of the Executive Committee.

23. In case of sickness or continued prostration the Executive Committee, having obtained the advice of a physician, shall decide whether it is necessary for the person concerned to go to some sanitary station, and shall at once, with the consent of the Mission Council, report to the Board. Should such visit to a sanitary station be decided upon, the traveling expenses and a moderate allowance for house rent may be granted by the Board upon the recommendation of the Mission Council.

24. If the circumstances on the field permit, a missionary shall be en-

titled to a furlough after the first eight years of service, and thereafter at the end of every seven years; but the approval of the Board must in every case be first obtained.

25. The term of service for a woman missionary shall be six years in every case.

26. A missionary shall not leave his field before he has transferred the supervision of the work, together with all property and documents of the Mission, held by him, to a committee consisting of one member of the Executive Committee, one member of the auditing committee, and the person appointed by the Board or the authorities on the field to take charge of the station or district.

27. During furlough the Missionary shall be entitled to three-fourths of his salary, to begin immediately upon his departure from the field, and to cease at the time of his arrival on the mission field. Exceptions may be made to this Rule by the Board.

28. Whenever the Board engages the services of a missionary on furlough he shall receive his full salary for the time so engaged and in addition his necessary traveling expenses not including board and lodging.

PART IV.

Organization and Administration in India.

(I) *The Mission Council.*

29. The Mission Council shall consist of the ordained missionaries and the lay workers called and sent to the Mission, subject to Rule No. 6.

30. The Mission Council shall have the general management of the work in all its departments, shall see that the Board's instructions are carried out, that the money furnished by the Board and received from other sources is expended as sanctioned, shall arrange for the visitation and inspection of any department of the work, that at any time in its judgment may require it, shall see that the work is carried on with reasonable economy; and, that there may be unity of aim and harmony of action, there shall be full and fraternal consideration of, and consultation about, matters entrusted to the Council. The Mission Council may place matters under its control into the hands of the Executive or any other committee with or without instructions how to act.

31. The officers of the Mission Council, who shall be ordained missionaries and qualified according to Rule No. 6, shall be a President and a Recording Secretary, who shall be elected annually at the January meeting.

32. Correspondence with the Board and in India shall be carried on by the President of the Mission Council; except as hereinafter prescribed. He shall immediately after every meeting of the Mission Council or the Ministerium send to the Board an abstract of the minutes, to be provided by the Secretary, as well as all other official documents of the Council, which may from time to time have to be transmitted, all of which are to be signed by himself and the Secretary.

33. The President of the Mission Council shall receive and keep on

record in a book, provided for the purpose, the orders and instructions of the Board, the same to remain in his custody but to be open to the inspection of all the missionaries. When copied, the said communications shall be circulated among all the missionaries, returned to the President and finally deposited in the archives.

34. The President shall report at the regular meetings on the action of the Executive Committee ad interim.

35. At the annual meetings of the Mission Council every missionary in charge of work shall present a written report in detail of his official acts and of the work of the Mission in his department during the preceding year. He shall also present an account of his receipts and expenditures, properly itemized and balanced, and a specified estimate of the amount needed for the next year. His report shall be submitted in duplicate and one copy shall be handed to the President for transmission to the Board and the other to the Archivarius for preservation in the archives. He shall also present his accounts of congregational and school funds, if he has such, kept in the same manner as other accounts. In addition to the annual reports, to be so submitted, every missionary shall write a letter to the Board three months after every regular meeting of the Council, concerning the work in which he is engaged. Such letters, however, shall be regarded solely as a means for conveying information about the work of the writer. All requests shall be submitted to the Board through the annual reports to be read before the Council.

36. When any new or special undertaking is proposed by one or more of the missionaries, it shall be reported to the Mission Council and together with its decision, be transmitted to the Board. In all cases in which the power of final decision does not lie in the Mission Council, no work shall be begun before it has received the Board's approval.

37. The Mission Council, or, ad interim, the Executive Committee shall, in cases of emergency, fill vacancies due to the absence or departure of any of the women missionaries, until the orders of the Board can be obtained.

38. Each Missionary shall appoint all native assistants in his or her department with the exception of native Pastors, subject to the approval of the Mission Council. The Mission Council shall fix their salaries, and dismiss those whose services are no longer required. Every missionary shall have the right in case of necessity, to employ assistants on trial, in accordance with the provisions of Rule No. 90, such employment to be subject to the action of the Mission Council, to which every case of the kind shall at once be reported. Every missionary shall also have the right to discharge an assistant, but shall be required to report every case to the Mission Council, or if a district missionary, to the Ministerium, for its action, which in all cases shall be final.

39. The Mission Council shall make Rules and Regulations for the expeditious discharge of its work at its meetings, time and place of meetings, the duties and privileges of its officers and members and for all other

matters placed under its authority by the Board, and not otherwise provided for.

40. If two-thirds of the members of the Mission Council deem an expenditure which has not been provided for, necessary, before the approval of the Board can be obtained, upon their authorization the President of the Council shall be permitted to issue an order on the Treasurer to pay the same, provided the amount does not exceed Rs. 300, and provided also that funds are available.

II. The Ministerium.

41. The Ministerium shall consist of the ordained missionaries eligible according to Rule 6. All ordained missionaries shall attend its meetings.

42. The Ministerium shall have the management of the district work and all matters pertaining to the Means of Grace and discipline; shall examine all text-books to be used in the Mission, and manuscripts to be published at its cost, and see that only such as are approved be used in Church and School; shall arrange the courses for religious instruction in the schools under them, that no errors in doctrine or practice be allowed by the native assistants, and above all, that the aim of the Mission be maintained, viz., the preaching of the Gospel to Christians and non-Christians, the instruction of their children in the faith and doctrine of the Lutheran Church and the establishment of organized Lutheran congregations.

43. The Ministerium shall elect its own officers subject to Rule 6, and shall report to the Board through the President of the Mission Council, in the same manner as the Mission Council reports.

44. The Ministerium, or, ad interim, the Executive Committee, shall in cases of emergency fill vacancies due to the absence or departure of any of the ordained missionaries until orders can be obtained from the Board.

45. The Ministerium shall arrange uniform congregational registers and shall see that they are uniformly kept. To this end every member shall bring these books to the meeting of the Ministerium for inspection once a year.

46. The Ministerium shall make rules for the conduct of its meetings and the discharge of its business, time and place of meeting and for whatsoever matters may be placed within its jurisdiction, subject to the approval of the Board.

47. Native assistants may be recommended to the Board for ordination to the Holy Ministry by the Ministerium, on a favorable vote of at least two-thirds of its members.

48. In order that there may be a harmonious development of the work and uniform practice in all the districts, no missionary shall be allowed to appoint any of his agents as catechists without the consent of the Ministerium; nor shall he be allowed to apply in behalf of his catechists for a license to perform marriages among native Christians, without the permission of the Ministerium. A standard of requirements for the office of catechist shall from time to time be set, and no one beneath such standard shall be appointed to the office.

III. *The Women Missionaries.*

49. The women missionaries may at their discretion hold meetings to discuss matters pertaining to their work and to frame the necessary resolutions concerning the same, to be presented for action to the Mission Council. The minutes of these meetings shall be reported to the Council.

50. They may elect their own officers and make Rules for the conduct of their meetings.

IV. *The Executive Committee.*

51. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the President of the Mission Council, who shall be chairman of the committee, the Secretary of the Mission Council, who shall be the secretary of the committee, and the Treasurer of the Mission.

52. The Executive Committee shall report to the Board the results of the examination of the missionaries before the examining committee of the South India Missionary Association, and also to the Mission Council, which in the case of failure shall recommend to the Board the course to be pursued with respect to the one that failed.

53. The Executive Committee shall ad interim, in cases of emergency, fill vacancies until the orders from the Board can be obtained, unless the Mission Council or the Ministerium, in their respective spheres, take action.

54. The Executive Committee shall receive new missionaries on their arrival in the Mission, make provision to house them, advise them in procuring the service of a competent munshi, and direct them during the time between their arrival and their passing the first examination.

55. The Executive Committee shall annually prepare and send to the Board a tabulated statement of the statistics and reports of the missionaries, including their accounts.

V. *The Conference.*

56. The Conference shall consist of the ordained missionaries, native pastors and all native male agents, together with delegates from the native congregations. Mission agents shall be regarded as the delegates from the congregations to which they belong unless these are represented otherwise.

57. The Conference shall hold at least one regular meeting annually, at which it shall elect a President, an English and a Telugu Recording Secretary and a Treasurer. The English minutes shall be the official minutes of the body. The President must be an ordained missionary.

58. The object of the Conference shall be the promotion of Christian fellowship, the consideration of doctrinal and practical questions and the preparation of our Telugu Lutherans for their future independent ecclesiastical government. Matters retained under the control of the Board or placed by its direction in charge of the missionaries shall not be subject to the action of the Conference. The proceedings shall be duly recorded and transmitted to the President of the Ministerium.

59. The Conference, subject to the Ministerium, shall have the power to

make and adopt rules for the conduct of its meetings and the discharge of its business.

PART V.

Finances and Property.

I. *The Treasurer.*

60. The Board shall appoint one of the missionaries Treasurer in India. All money for the use of the Mission shall be sent to him through the President of the Mission Council.

The Treasurer shall pay the salaries of the missionaries (quarterly) on the arrival of the drafts sent for the purpose. Beyond this he shall pay out no money without an order from the President of the Mission Council, in accordance with the provisions of Rule No. 40.

The Treasurer shall keep in a suitable book, provided by the Mission, which is to remain the property of the Mission, clear and accurate accounts of all the receipts and payments, with vouchers for the latter. The book shall be open to inspection by all or any of the missionaries at any time.

61. The Treasurer's account book shall contain:

(a) An account of the General Fund, exhibiting a clear and specified statement of all drafts received from the Board to meet the estimates for the general work, as well as of all money paid into the treasury in India. The salary drafts received for the missionaries shall also be entered for reference without stating the amount in Rupees.

(b) An account of the Emergency Fund, exhibiting a statement of all drafts sent by the Board for specified and unspecified purposes other than the general work and building purposes.

All appropriations sanctioned by the Board and not otherwise provided for, are to be paid by the Treasurer on the order of the President of the Mission Council out of this Fund, and the Treasurer shall render to the Board a full report of receipts and payments from the fund and of the balances in his hands, on the first day of every month.

(c) *The Building Fund.* All drafts sent for building purposes are to be kept in a separate fund and in no case are to be diverted from the purposes for which they were sent, without the order of the Board.

62. The Treasurer shall quarterly make an audited report to the Board through the President of the Mission Council, with a balance sheet clearly exhibiting the condition of each of the above named funds.

63. The Treasurer shall borrow no money for the Mission unless authorized to do so by the Board.

64. No expenditure shall be charged to the Mission which has not been sanctioned by the Board or made under Rule No. 40.

65. No funds of the Mission shall be loaned under any circumstances.

66. Drafts sent to the Treasurer should not be sold until the proceeds are needed for use, even though the rate of exchange may seem to make it desirable, and no large balance of cash should be kept in hand or on deposit.

For obvious reasons deposits should not be made with native bankers.

67. All appropriations except for salaries and buildings are only for the current calendar year. Those unused at the close of the year shall lapse to the treasury of the Board and cannot be expended unless re-appropriated by the Board.

68. Funds appropriated for one department or purpose are not transferable to another department or purpose except by order of the Board.

69. The President of the Mission Council shall have an order-book with stubs and receipts and shall issue orders on the Treasurer for the payment of the amounts ordered by the Board or by the Mission Council in accordance with Rule No. 40.

70. The account-books of all the missionaries shall be kept according to a uniform system and to this end the Mission Council shall have authority to adopt such a system.

II. *Financial Relations of Missionaries.*

71. No application of missionaries for appropriations can be considered by the Board unless they be indorsed by the Mission Council.

72. The work of missionaries must not be enlarged at increased expense without the sanction of the Mission Council and the approval of the Board.

73. There should be a careful endeavor, especially in the erection o buildings, to accomplish the object for less than the amount appropriated.

74. The Board cannot be held responsible for any expenditure of a missionary in excess of the estimate allowed by the Mission Council and the appropriation approved and granted by the Board.

75. Missionaries are cautioned against putting private funds into mission enterprises in the expectation of reimbursement by the Board.

76. No missionary should borrow money of natives or foreigners in the mission fields, either for himself or for his mission work. The Board can in no wise be held responsible for such obligations unless authorized by the Mission Council or Ministerium in cases of emergency.

Missionaries should avoid as far as possible all secular financial relations with natives and others in the country in which they live.

77. No grants from the local government should be sought or accepted if made with conditions prohibiting or hampering the missionary purposes of the Board; and each missionary shall make report to the Board annually of all grants received from the government for educational work, with the exact terms and conditions attached to them.

III. *Committee on Audit.*

78. An Auditing Committee shall be elected annually in January by the Mission Council to examine the accounts of the Treasurer and every missionary, ordained or lay worker. This committee shall also audit the quarterly reports of the Treasurer to be sent to the Board.

79. The Auditing Committee shall examine the accounts of every missionary before the regular meetings of the Mission Council and report

thereon at the meetings. It shall examine whether every expenditure has been made as sanctioned and report all digressions from the Rules and the practice of the Mission Council, which shall take whatever action may be deemed necessary.

IV. *Mission Property.*

80. All property purchased in India and all buildings erected thereon with money furnished by the treasury of the Mission shall remain in the possession of the Board of Trustees of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

81. The Treasurer shall be the attorney for the Board of Trustees of the said General Council and the Board of Foreign Missions, and as such the representative in all such transactions with the local or general government of India as require the power of attorney.

82. The attorney shall have a fire and burglar-proof safe in which to preserve all deeds, titles, mortgages and other papers and documents of legal value connected with the property of the Mission throughout its entire extent.

83. No legal document belonging to the Board and kept in this safe shall be given away or destroyed except by its authority.

84. A copy in the English language of all title deeds in the safe shall be transmitted to the Board by the Executive Committee.

85. A standing Building Committee elected by the Mission Council shall have the general oversight of the erection of all new buildings and of all extensive repairs and alterations. This Committee shall procure the necessary plans and estimates and present them to the Mission Council for sanction. After these have received the approval of the Board, the Committee shall enter into agreement with a contractor, both as to plans and estimates and as to time. The Committee shall intrust the direct supervision of the work to some one appointed by the Mission Council and approved by the Board.

86. The manager of the Boys' Central School shall be the Archivarius. He shall keep in a fire-proof safe all reports, records and registers not in immediate use. None of these papers shall be destroyed or given away except by authority of the Board.

PART VI.

The Several Departments and Their Methods.

I. *The District Work.*

87. The District Work shall be in charge of the District missionaries, subject to the Ministerium. They shall unite in methods and polity so that there may be a unified and uniform development of the work over the entire field. They shall be diligent in traveling through the districts assigned them. Under ordinary circumstances 130 days shall be

regarded as the minimum number of days a District Missionary should itinerate in a year.

A. Workers.

88. The native assistants in the district may be Teachers, Evangelists, Catechists or Pastors.

89. The attainments necessary for these positions shall from time to time be determined by the Ministerium.

90. Passed candidates from the Mission's institutions shall have the preference over all applicants. All candidates for work shall be examined before being employed, in the subjects that have been designated, if possible in the presence of all the missionaries, by a committee elected by the Ministerium, consisting of three ordained missionaries, who shall report to the Ministerium.

91. Non-Christians shall not be employed in District Mission work.

92. The salaries to be paid to District Mission agents shall be in accordance with a scale determined from time to time by the Mission Council and approved by the Board, and shall be paid by the missionaries of the respective districts.

93. A Mission Agent, with the exception of a Pastor, may be suspended or discharged by his superintending missionary, but all such cases shall be promptly reported to the Ministerium at the next subsequent meeting and its action shall be final.

94. Such a Mission Agent, if he desires, may appeal to the Ministerium through its Secretary and shall have the right to be heard in his own defense.

95. If circumstances permit, every mission agent shall be entitled to one month's leave of absence annually. If, however, an agent is obliged to be absent from his work more than a month, he shall receive no salary for the time in excess of a month.

(*a*) *Teachers.*

96. The duties of teachers shall from time to time be specified by the Ministerium.

(*b*) *Evangelists.*

97. Whenever necessary in the judgment of a District Missionary, for the purpose of bringing the saving knowledge of Christ Jesus to non-Christians, he shall be at liberty to appoint any of his teachers possessed of the requisite gifts, as evangelists, but it shall be his duty to report such appointments to the Ministerium for confirmation.

98. The duties of evangelists shall from time to time be prescribed by the Ministerium.

(*c*) *Catechists.*

99. Such of the agents as are found capable and faithful and are believed to be well fitted for the office may be appointed as Catechists by the Ministerium on the recommendation of the missionary concerned in accordance with the provisions of Rule No. 90.

100. It shall be the duty of the Catechist to assist the Missionary in his work wherever possible, and in his absence to conduct services in the church. He shall pay particular attention to the preparation of catechumens for confirmation or baptism, visit all members of the church in his district, encourage family worship and preach the Gospel among Christians and non-Christians. In cases of strife and contention among church members, it shall be his duty to try to make peace. He shall also visit the sick, admonish the careless and try to persuade the heathen to give up idolatry and turn to Christ.

(*d*) *Native Pastors.*

101. As a rule, native pastors should be men who have passed through a course of theological training under one or more of the missionaries. Before they can be considered for ordination they MUST HAVE BEEN employed as teachers or catechists for a period of three years after having taken the aforesaid course. Those who during this time prove themselves apt to teach, who are prudent and reliable in judgment and character and of well-established Christian life and conversation may be recommended to the Board for ordination, provided there is need of their services as pastors. The Board shall authorize the officers of the Ministerium to administer the ordination in the presence of the conference.

102. Until a number of young men shall have stood the necessary tests, the Ministerium may, in cases of necessity, select catechists or other mission agents that have been well proven by years of faithful and successful service and have superior attainments and are possessed of the necessary qualifications, and recommend them to the Board for ordination. In all cases the field of labor for a native pastor shall be determined by the Ministerium and in case of pastors whose salary is paid from the Mission treasury, it shall be fixed by the Board upon the recommendation of the Ministerium. A native pastor shall not be removed from his field nor transferred to another congregation except by direct order of the Board on the recommendation of the Ministerium.

103. In determining the salaries of native pastors, regard shall be had to the amount which, with their attainments, they could receive among their own people in other honorable callings, as well as to the amount which, ultimately, native congregations will be able to raise for the support of pastors.

104. Native pastors shall receive batta for every 24 hours of absence from their station when engaged in Mission labor, the rate of batta to be determined by the Ministerium on the recommendation of the superintending missionary. For visits to the chief station of their district or outside of their own fields of labor or for tours of less than 24 hours, no batta shall be allowed.

105. Every native pastor shall be placed in charge of a congregation or congregations or a definite work as the Board may determine on the rec-

ommendation of the Ministerium, in which he shall be under the superintendence of a missionary.

106. It shall be one of the constant endeavors of the superintending missionaries to teach native pastors properly to minister to the spiritual wants of congregations and also to teach congregations to support their pastors and to manage their own church affairs.

B. Schools.

107. Parochial schools shall be established wherever there is a sufficient number of Christians or inquirers, so that all children may learn to read and write and thus be able better to obtain a knowledge of the Bible and the Catechism.

108. The Government grant to village schools shall be paid to the missionary in charge and accounted for by him in accordance with Rule No. 35 and shall be used in accordance with the condition of the grant.

C. Congregations.

109. It is the distinct aim of the Church in America to plant in India an autonomous native Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawing its material support entirely from the native community and ministered to by native pastors. This should be constantly kept in view by the missionaries and the native Christians in order to secure permanent results from our mission work.

110. The missionaries should, therefore, not only instruct the native Christians in the saving truths of the Christian religion, but also in the duty of making sacrifices for the maintenance of their congregations, and should urge upon them such diligence in honest labor as will enable them to give of their earnings for the support of the Church.

111. It should be the aim to organize the native Christians under regular constitutions as congregations with their own pastors, electing councils of their own number as well as pastors and teachers and having the regulation of their own affairs under such constitutions. The contributions of native congregations shall be subject to the disposal of the respective congregations, all of which shall have their own congregational and school treasuries. On the recommendation of the Ministerium the Board may occasionally give grants to these treasuries and money so granted shall be under the control of the congregations.

112. As soon as a congregation assumes the salary of its teacher, it shall have the right to call him under approval of the district missionary concerned and the Ministerium.

II. *The Educational Work.*

113. It shall be the aim of the educational work of the Mission to prepare an able and faithful ministry for the Telugu Lutheran Church, who shall truly preach the Word of God, and administer the sacraments in accordance with that Word, and also an efficient body of teachers who shall elevate the intellectual and moral standard of the Christian community.

114. On account of the general poverty of the native Christians, the Church in America, as a temporary measure, assists promising boys to acquire an education for the purpose mentioned in the foregoing rule, but it should be understood that the education of the young, especially for the service of the Church, is the duty of parents and of the Telugu Church, and that the Church in America, which for the present merely lends a helping hand, will gradually throw this responsibility more and more on the Telugu Church.

115. To this end rules governing the education and support of beneficiary students shall, as occasion demands, be promulgated by the Ministerium.

A. The Boys' Central School.

116. The Boys' Central School shall be the institution in which ordinarily all male mission agents shall be trained.

117. The Board shall appoint an ordained missionary as manager of the School, and he and his work shall be subject to the same Rules and Regulations as the other missionaries and departments of the work.

118. The Ministerium, subject to the Board, shall from time to time determine the standard of the Institution, the religious curricula to be taught, the books to be used, especially in the theological department, the terms of admission and the number and use of scholarships.

119. Non-Christians shall not be employed in this school, unless there is no alternative. The appointment and the salaries of teachers shall be subject to the provisions of Rule No. 90.

120. No missionary in charge of the Institution at any time shall be at liberty to change the course of study prescribed by the Ministerium or to substitute one of his own devising unless with the consent of the Ministerium.

121. Besides the course provided for regular students, arrangements shall be made, as occasion demands, for instruction in theological classes, composed of agents who may be regarded as fit for the higher forms of service in the Mission, and in the instruction of such classes the district missionaries shall assist as much as circumstances may enable them.

B. Other Advanced Schools.

122. Schools for non-Christian boys may be maintained if sanctioned by the Board on the recommendation of the Mission Council.

III. *Women's Work.*

123. This shall include the different departments of the work of the Mission in charge of the women sent to India for the purpose of laboring among women and children.

A. Girls' School.

(*a*) *The Central Girls' School.*

124. The aim of this institution shall be to give such Christian training

and education to the girls of the Mission as shall fit them to become better Christian women and wives, and also assistants in our mission work, who shall be able also to bring up their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

125. The Mission Council, subject to the Board, shall from time to time determine the standard of the institution, the religious curricula to be taught, the books to be used, the terms of admission and the number and use of scholarships.

(*b*) *Hindu Girls' Schools.*

126. The aim of these schools shall be to give a primary education and to teach the Word of God to Hindu girls, and they are to be regarded, secondarily, as a means to open the homes of caste people to the Christian religion.

127. The Mission Council, subject to the Board, shall from time to time determine measures for the effective prosecution of the work.

B. Zenana Work.

128. The aim of this department shall be to reach with the Gospel those Hindu and other non-Christian women who live in seclusion or are not otherwise accessible to the Word. The Zenana work should have as one of its objects the following up of the impressions made by the educational and the medical work.

129. The Mission Council, subject to the Board, shall from time to time determine measures for the effective prosecution of this work.

C. Medical Work.

130. The aim of this department shall be (*a*) to relieve women and children from physical suffering, and (*b*) to bring women to the Great Physician and to open non-Christian homes to the Bible. It shall be in charge of the women physicians sent by the Board, who shall have assistants as necessity demands and the Board may supply.

131. The Mission Council, subject to the Board, shall from time to time determine measures for the effective prosecution of this work.

132. Medical missionaries laboring under commission from the Board are to be regarded as the physicians of all the missionary families within their reach and are to render service to them without charge.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Resolved, 1. In the name of the Churches the General Council thankfully acknowledges God's blessing on our Missions in Foreign Lands. We have met with obstacles and have been hindered; we confess that His treasure is in earthen vessels; yet contributions to the work have increased, many have been won to confess Christ, and the institutions we are trying to build up have gained in equipment, efficiency and support. Especially are we grateful that the careful inspection to which the work has been subjected brings testimony to the fidelity of our missionaries, the character

of our converts, and the value and solidity of the foundations which have been laid.

2. We pledge ourselves to renewed zeal in this work; we rejoice in its extension into the Empire of Japan; we pray God for wisdom, and for every needed grace, that He will further our work and, especially that He will multiply to us the men and the means for its prosecution.

3. Inasmuch as it is clear that the crying need of our work of Foreign Missions is an addition of more men of intellectual ability, sound body, good training, devoted piety and Christian mind; the Board of Foreign Missions is directed to redouble its endeavors to secure such men. To this end it directs them to bring this matter to the prayerful attention of the teachers and students in our seminaries and colleges, and of all the Synods and Conferences in their conventions. The Board is hereby authorized in its discretion to engage and send out unordained teachers for service in the schools. And above all we pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest.

4. That the General Council recommends that the following (or an equivalent) petition be added to the General Prayer at the Service on the Lord's Day in all our congregations:

O Lord, who by Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast bidden Thy disciples pray Thee to send forth laborers into Thy harvest; and who didst even of Saul the persecutor make a chosen vessel to bear Thy Name before the Gentiles: Give us, we beseech Thee, right Ministers of Thy Word and Missionaries of the Gospel; Call them; Constrain them by the love of Christ; Fit them; Send them forth; Make them faithful; and abundantly bless their work to the salvation of men and the upbuilding of Thy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

5. For the more efficient prosecution of the work, the Board of Foreign Missions is instructed to secure a charter of incorporation; and the General Council hereby authorizes and directs the Trustees of the General Council to transfer to said Board, so soon as it shall have been incorporated, all the securities, properties, etc., it now holds for the use of said Board and for the Foreign Missions of the General Council, under the conditions previously determined.

6. That the General Council recognizes the assistance rendered by the Women's Societies, both in securing and contributing to the support of women missionaries, and especially in their resolution to build the hospital for women and children at Rajahmundry, and that the General Council earnestly requests the Women's Societies to continue their cordial support in this work.

7. That in addition to the cultivation of interest at all times in this work, attention be called to the great importance of making especial and most thorough efforts during the Epiphany season, for the presentation of this cause in all our churches and institutions; that, for this end, the literature provided and recommended by the Board, be widely circulated among our people and commended to their consideration; that the forma-

tion of classes for mission study be encouraged; and that the prayers of the Church, in its public services, during that period, be directed in an especial way to the needs of this great work in its various departments.

8. That the General Council send down to the Synods and ask them to instruct the pastors of the churches to read to their people, its judgment that every individual member of our Church, according to his ability, is in duty bound to make some contribution towards the evangelization of the world; those judged to have the qualifications, by going forth at the Church's call, and those unable to go, by devoting to it a proportion of their means commensurate with its importance. The receipts reported at this convention show that, while a pro rata distribution of these receipts among our half million communicants would entail a burden upon none except those suffering in extreme want from some Providential calamity, they might be multiplied to a manifold extent, and yet fail to represent what consuming interest in the cause of the Lord may be expected to yield in the great majority of our people.

9. That the General Council adopt provisionally the Rules and Regulations recommended to their consideration by the Board, and appoint a special committee selected with especial reference to the experience and acquaintance of its members with our Church Polity, to inquire into the agreement of these Rules and Regulations with the principles of Lutheran Church government, and to report at the next meeting of the General Council any amendments deemed necessary to conform the Rules to this standard.

[For Apportionment, see the Index.]

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

September 1, 1907, to June 30, 1909.

At the May meeting the Board decided that the biennial report of the Treasurer should close June 30th instead of August 31st, as heretofore.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Aug. 31, 1907:		
General Fund	$ 1,946 43	
Women's Hospital Fund	2,505 37	
		$ 4,451 80
Cash received as acknowledged in "Missionsbote" and "Foreign Missionary":		
Augustana Synod	$20,522 15	
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	19,946 34	
Pittsburg Synod	5,990 26	
New York and New England Synod	3,531 63	
New York Ministerium	2,800 44	
Canada Synod	1,721 02	
English Synod of the Northwest	1,205 39	
Iowa Synod	904 01	
District Synod of Ohio	832 30	

Chicago Synod	$ 746 27	
Nova Scotia Synod	253 52	
Synod of Manitoba	175 00	
Pacific Synod	108 45	
Icelandic Synod	60 00	
Porto Rico	16 95	
Sundry donors	5,975 71	
Rev. H. Grahn, Bus. Mgr., contributions received	1,117 36	
Rev. H. Grahn, Bus. Mgr., Missionsbote surplus	850 00	
Interest on deposits	187 06	
		$66,943 86
Total		$71,395 66

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Treasury in India by drafts to the order of the chairman of the Executive Committee:

General expenses to Oct. 1, 1909	$20,228 00	
Emergency fund	4,091 50	
Deficit of Peddapur School	413 70	
Completion of buildings at Luthergiri	569 99	
Teachers' quarters at Luthergiri	275 00	
Well at Luthergiri	150 00	
Addition to building of Girls' Central School	1,055 00	
Epidemic ward, Girls' Central School	300 00	
Site for Samulkot church	100 00	
Building Samulkot church	1,500 00	
Editor and Munshi Joint Luth. Pub. Soc., first half of 1908	$ 95 00	
Medical work	500 00	
Gift of W. P. M. Braun, for printing material	200 00	
Gift of American Tract Society for disseminating Christian literature	140 00	
Printing at Rajahmundry	150 00	
Traveling expenses to the hills	150 00	
India Christmas Box	254 80	
Printing catechisms	36 67	
Subscription to Christian Patriot (1906 and 1907)	8 67	
Material for building new hospital	1,000 00	
		$31,218 33

Rev J. H. Harpster, D.D.:

Salary to Oct. 1, 1909	2,437 50	
Horse allowance to Oct. 1, 1909	100 00	
		$ 2,537 50

Rev. R. Arps:

Salary to Oct. 1, 1909	$ 2,100 00	
Children's allowance to Oct. 1, 1909	350 00	
Horse allowance to Oct. 1, 1909	140 00	
		$ 2,590 00

Rev. H. E. Isaacson:

Salary to Oct. 1, 1909	$ 2,100 00	
Children's allowance to Oct. 1, 1909	875 00	
Horse allowance to Oct. 1, 1909	140 00	
		$ 3,115 00
Rev. F. W. Wackernagel, salary		175 00
Rev. E. H. Trafford, salary		175 00

Rev. E. Neudoerffer:

Salary to Oct. 1, 1909	$ 1,733 34	
Horse allowance to Oct. 1, 1909	20 00	
		$ 1,753 34
Mrs. Julia Neudoerffer, salary:		41 67

Rev. O. L. Larson:

Salary to Oct. 1, 1909	$ 1,750 00	
Horse allowance to Oct. 1, 1909	40 00	
Gift from Miss N. Winfield	5 00	
		$ 1,795 00

Rev. O. O. Eckhardt:

Salary to Oct. 1, 1909	$ 1,750 00	
Horse allowance to Oct. 1, 1909	40 00	
Tent	111 00	
		$ 1,901 00

Rev. K. Wolters:

Salary to Oct. 1, 1909	$ 1,225 00	
Horse allowance to Oct. 1, 1909	98 00	
		$ 1,323 00

Rev. C. F. Kuder:

Salary to Oct. 1, 1909	$ 1,983 33	
Children's allowance to Oct. 1, 1909	916 67	
Horse allowance to Oct. 1, 1909	60 00	
Expenses to Salem, Va.	25 00	
Traveling expenses to India	350 00	
Outfit	100 00	
		$ 3,435 00

Lydia Woerner, M.D.:

Salary to Oct. 1, 1909	$ 968 75	
Traveling expenses to India	350 00	
		$ 1,318 75

Miss E. L. Weiskotten:		
Salary to Oct. 1, 1909	$ 988 57	
Traveling expenses in America	58 98	
Traveling expenses to India	292 56	
		$ 1,340 11
Miss Agnes Schade, salary to July 1, 1909		900 00
Amy Rohrer, M.D.:		
Salary to Oct. 1, 1909	$ 900 00	
Examination Ticket	20 00	
Traveling Expenses in America	19 06	
Traveling expenses to India	350 00	
		$ 1,289 06
Miss Charlotte Swenson, salary		375 00
Miss H. Wahlberg:		
Salary to Feb. 15, 1909	$ 453 13	
Traveling expenses from India	300 00	
Medical expenses at Gustur	28 33	
		$ 781 46
Betty Neilson, M.D.:		
Salary to Oct. 1, 1909	$ 375 00	
Traveling expenses to India	317 80	
Outfit	100 00	
		$ 792 80
Miss Sigrid Esbehrn:		
Salary to Oct. 1, 1909	$ 375 00	
Traveling expenses to India	350 00	
Outfit	100 00	
		$ 825 00
Rev. H. C. Schmidt, D.D.:		
Annuity to Oct. 1, 1909		525 00
F. J. McCready, Supt. of building of Boys' Central School:		
Salary	$ 583 33	
Rent	70 00	
		$ 653 33
Gabriel V. Moses, for education		50 00
Rev. Frisby D. Smith:		
Salary to Oct. 1, 1909	$ 866 67	
Traveling expenses to Japan	363 26	
Outfit	100 00	
Health allowance	25 00	
Teacher's pay to Oct. 1, 1909	56 25	
Expenses for the Board	50 00	
		$ 1,461 18

Miss Bessie Fenton:		
Traveling expenses to Japan	$ 275 00	
Outfit	100 00	
		$ 375 00
Rev. George Drach:		
Salary to July 31, 1909	$ 3,300 00	
Expense account	561 68	
Editorial expenses Foreign Missionary	20 00	
Cablegrams	22 15	
		$ 3,903 83
Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D.:		
President's expenses		15 00
Rev. E. T. Horn, D.D.:		
President's expenses		12 36
Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, D.D.:		
Expenses attending Board meetings		252 00
Rev. W. E. Frey:		
Expenses attending Board meetings		132 70
P. A. Rydberg, Ph.D.:		
Expenses attending Board meetings		29 40
Rev. G. Nelsenius, D.D.:		
Expenses attending Board meetings		24 01
Rev. J. A. Weyl:		
Expenses attending Board meetings		10 75
Rev. R. Bielinski:		
Editorial expenses Missionsbote	$ 20 00	
Cost of tract on Japan	35 65	
		$ 55 65
General Council Publication Board:		
Printing and mailing reports, stationery, etc.		1,239 56
Rev. H. D. E. Siebot, 500 post cards		6 00
H. Y. Yost, cost of Treasurer's bond		18 00
Victor Grim, typewriting, etc.		15 00
Miss Branson, typewriting		6 50
The O. K. Addressing Co.		12 00
The Foreign Missions Library		5 43
Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Smith, expenses attending services at Reading, commissioning Rev. F. D. Smith		9 00
Postage		22 34
Two Code Books		10 30
General Synod Publication House, literature		5 62
Lutheran Pub. House, U. S S., 500 copies "Japan for Christ"		75 00
Rev. C. T. Benze, D.D.:		
Traveling expenses to New York	$ 7 00	
Traveling expenses to India	450 00	
Expenses attending Board meetings	39 00	
		$ 496 00

Prof. C. W. Foss, Ph.D., expenses to India		450 00
Rev. D. Jud, supply for Rev. C. T. Benze, D.D.		360 00
Augustana College and Theological Seminary, share of salary, substitute for Prof. C. W. Foss, Ph.D.		400 00
Rev. A. Neudoerffer, insurance premium due on account of Rev. E. Neudoerffer		22 88
Total		$68,335 86
Balance in hand June 30, 1909:		
General Fund	$ 1,166 95	
Women's Hospital Fund	1,892 85	
		3,059 80
		$71,395 66
Wm. H. Trabert Foundation (in trust)		200 00

JAMES M. SNYDER, *Treasurer.*

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.
Rev. Edward T. Horn, D.D., Pres.

We, the undersigned, have audited the accounts of the former Treasurer, Philip S. Zieber, Esq., and that of Jas. M. Snyder, his successor, covering the period from September 1, 1907, to June 30, 1909, and find the same correct.

W. FRED'K MONROE,
CHAS. B. OPP,
Auditing Committee.

Philadelphia, July 13, 1909.

PART II.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INSPECTION TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

Having under the providence of Almighty God and by His guidance and protection, completed the task laid upon us by the General Council, in accordance with the instructions received from the Board, we beg leave to submit the following report:

I. PRELIMINARY TRAVELS.

We met in Colombo, having arrived there by separate ships, and set sail for Tuticorin on the evening of December 8th, arriving there the next morning. We proceeded at once to Madura where we began our work of visitation. Up to the time of our arrival in Rajahmundry, we saw the work of the Swedish Diocese of the Leipzig mission at Madura and Viru dupati, the American Board at Madura (its principal station) and Pasumalai, the German Leipzig mission at Trichinopoli, Tanjore, Mayaveram.

Tranquebar and Madras, the American Methodist Episcopal Church, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the Danish Mission and the Free Church of Scotland at Madras, the American Baptists at Ongole, the Hermannsburg Mission at Nayudupet and the American Ev. Lutheran G. S. at Guntur. We deem it just and befitting in this report to bear tribute to the cordiality and fraternal spirit evinced by the various missionaries we visited and the hospitality with which they received us.

This extensive tour of investigation gave us a comprehensive view of missionary activity, the various phases of work (as the evangelistic, congregational, educational, medical, industrial, literary and charitable), gave us an insight into the various problems of mission work in India, filled us with admiration for the work begun by the pioneers Ziegenbalg and Schwarz and so ably continued by their modern successors, and in a measure prepared for the important duties awaiting us in our own field.

II. GENERAL REVIEW.

We arrived in Rajahmundry on December 28th and were received by the majority of the missionaries, with whom we made plans for a systematic execution of our duties. We spent the first week in inspecting the mission property in and about Rajahmundry, and almost all of the second week in attending the Mission Council, a little over three weeks in visiting the various districts and the last week in inspecting the Rajahmundry schools and attending a second meeting of the Council and a meeting with the Auditing Committee.

III. DISTRICTS.

The following are the stations and outstations that we visited:

(a) The Tadepalligudem District in charge of the Rev. E. Neudoerffer, at Velpur, Bobbarasupalem, Penumantra, Polamur, Unikili, Tadepalligudem.

(b) The Bhimavaram District in charge of the Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D., at Vendra, Bhimavaram, Yennamadurra, Lankapuram, Dagmarpuram, Gorlamudi and Ganapudi.

(c) The Talapudi District in charge of the Rev. O. L. Larson, at Domerru, Malikapali, Pedahem, Talapudi, and Kunkudimali.

(d) The Dowlaishwaram District in charge of the Rev. R. Arps, at Dowlaishwaram, Jegurupad, Edithi and Muramunda.

(e) The Samulkot District in charge of the Rev. H. E. Isaacson, at Samulkot, Peddapur and Pittapur.

(f) The Jaggampetta District in charge of the Rev. O. O. Eckardt, at Jaggampetta and Adatigula.

(g) The Korukonda District, in charge of the Rev. E. L. Wolters, at Rajahmundry, Korukonda and Sriringapatnam.

In these stations we attended services at the churches, prayer-houses and schools, where we addressed the people in public speeches and private conversation, inspected the schools and examined the children, and met the

native agents. At Bhimavaram a great gathering was held at which Christians from 80 different villages were present and there also we addressed a meeting of 81 native workers.

In the observation of the District work we have reached the conclusion that our field is decidedly undermanned and that the missionaries with the utmost fidelity and untiring efforts are not able to meet its exigencies. Some districts for example teem with a population already Christian and too large for the work of one man in charge; others have had missionaries withdrawn to other activities and are therefore neglected. And some are almost new and require pioneer missionary work. We, therefore, urge upon the Church the crying necessity of sending more laborers into the field at as early a date as at all possible. Some of the most valuable and telling evangelistic work is being done by teachers, evangelists and catechists, and too great praise cannot be bestowed upon the faithful work of those self-denying men. The church owes them a debt of gratitude for the splendid work done by them and for which they have been but inadequately paid. We find that their wages are about those of an ordinary coolie and we recommend larger appropriations for the district work in order that we may secure more laborers and remunerate them more befittingly.

As to native pastors, we find that we have at present but two, and their services are required as teachers of religion in our schools. It is imperative that worthy candidates be selected for ordination to the gospel ministry, in order that they may act as assistants to the missionaries in performing the regular ministerial acts and in pastoral work in addition to the preaching of the Word. Furthermore, that in order to secure a continuation of worthy candidates for this office, provision be made for a course of suitable training as in a seminary.

As to the native Christians, we find that they are not yet ready for self-government; but that laudable efforts towards that end are being made. A native village form of government by a body of five men, has been transplanted with considerable success into the government of our congregations. With reference to self-support, it must be said, that the majority of our Christians are poor people, but that they contribute in a praiseworthy manner, and in some instances far beyond the ratio in vogue in the Church of America. However, the amounts raised are consumed in the erection of prayer-houses and schools, and the keeping up of repairs. There is also a small fund maintained for the assistance of workers' widows out of the scanty salaries of the workers themselves.

Besides the churches at Rajahmundry, Bhimavaram, Dowlaishwaram, Talapudi, Tadepalligudem, Samulkot, Lankapuram and Velpur, there are some quite substantial prayer-houses, and throughout the districts at nearly every preaching point there is a school house of some kind.

In the district schools, instruction is imparted in the Telugu language, the average course including the first three standards and being in conformity with the requirements of the government. In addition to this

course very thorough instruction is given in the Christian religion, comprising Bible History and the Catechism.

IV. EDUCATIONAL.

The Boys' Central School, located at Luthergiri, over a mile north of Rajahmundry, is a boarding school for Christian boys, having for its object the training of mission workers. As a boarding school of this character nothing can be said against its location; but as a High School with evangelistic aim it would have been far better located in Rajahmundry. The hostel or dormitory is well suited to its purpose and contains also a large room for the daily prayers. The school building itself is on the whole magnificent in appearance. The lower floor contains six fine recitation rooms; but little use is made of the upper floor which contains one large assembly hall to which there is not adequate access. The corps of teachers consists of six capable Lutheran Christians, the Telugu Pundit and the Manager, Rev. C. F. Kuder. The school is excellently performing the work for which it exists and the intention of the Manager is to convert it into a Christian High School. To this end the sanction of Government must be obtained; but a class in the fourth form is being organized in anticipation of the expected recognition. Most thorough and comprehensive instruction is given in religion, including Bible History, the Catechism, Sacred History (Kurtz's and Bible Teaching, Stump's). The attainments of the students in these subjects are truly remarkable.

The Girls' Central School, located in the heart of Rajahmundry, is maintained in a compound of excellent buildings. At present there are a school building (with more floor space than the recitation rooms of Luthergiri), a dormitory for the girls, after which the Luthergiri dormitory is modeled, and a small bungalow for the Manager adjoining the hostel. There has never been any addition built to the bungalow, as inadvertently published. One epidemic ward and quarters for teachers and training students are being erected as an addition to the dormitory. The course of instruction is that laid down by the Government and comprises the seven standards of an elementary school, together with a training class for mistresses. The instruction in religion is most thorough, with the same noteworthy results as in the Luthergiri school. The corps of teachers consists of four Christian mistresses and three Hindoo masters and the Manager, Miss Agnes I. Schade. Though it has sometimes been argued that girls are being educated above their station, it is none the less true that the girls of this school are sought after as wives. In cases where Christian workers marry coolies, it is due to the fact that their wages are so low that they cannot maintain themselves without the assistance of a wage-earning wife.

The Hindu Girls' Schools, six in number, are distributed through the separate sections of Rajahmundry. They are under the management of Miss Emily L. Weiskotten. There are in all five Hindu masters, one Christian master and 10 Christian mistresses. The present enrollment is

271 pupils and the number is steadily increasing. With the exception of one small Panchama school, the schools are all attended by caste children, many of whom are Brahmins. The course of instruction, which includes the first five standards, conforms to Government requirements. In addition to this a full course of religious instruction is imparted. It is truly touching to hear these Hindu girls recite Bible History and the Catechism, sing Christian hymns and offer Christian prayer. In view of this we regard these schools as a real evangelizing factor in the city of Rajahmundry. With the exception of St. John's in the Riverdale compound and St. Mark's in the beautiful building bestowed by Mrs. M. Atchutaramiah, the schools are kept in rented buildings, but a site has recently been purchased for one of them.

The Peddapur High School is located in Peddapur, about three miles from Samulkot, in the heart of the city. The buildings, which are all connected, form a compound in themselves, but there is a part of the school comprising the infants' class and the first two standards in a rented building nearby. The school is well equipped for its work and has a corps of able teachers. The Rev. H. E. Isaacson is the Manager; but the school is under the direction of a Hindu Head Master, Mr. Ramarao, who is assisted by 20 Hindu masters and one Bible teacher who is native pastor. The school is attended by 400 pupils who board themselves as there is no hostel connected with the institution. These students are all caste boys, with the exception of a few Baptist boys. The school is doing a splendid secular work; but what it imperatively needs in order to make it an effective evangelizing factor, is a corps of Christian teachers.

The High School in Rajahmundry was doing an effective work in training our native Christian workers and as an evangelizing agency among the Hindoos of the town. The school was centrally located and in so far well adapted to its purpose; but the buildings were inadequate for efficient work. A comparatively small sum would put them into repair; but if this is not soon forthcoming, the buildings will fall into ruin. As an evangelizing agency the school might have continued a work among non-Christian men of the community, similar to that done among the women by the zenana and medical work and the caste schools; but the closing up of the same is regarded by the missionaries and the native Christians as a triumph of heathenism in Rajahmundry. In all parts of our mission territory we have heard but one voice of regret from the native Christians over the discontinuance of the school, and numerous petitions in writing have come to us asking that it be re-opened.

The great problem of mission work in India is not so much the raising of funds, as the training of efficient Christian workers. This applies especially to the work of higher education for which it is difficult to secure qualified Christian teachers. This state of things prevails throughout India, and it is this advance which has given show to the argument recently advanced, that educational missions are a failure as evangelizing factors.

It is desirable that Hindu masters be employed as Telugu Pundits; but for other work Christian teachers should be employed. This aim is by no means impossible for attainment, as there are already men and women of college training in our own field and others could be secured.

V. ZENANA WORK.

This work suffered a backset through the decease of the lamented Miss Swenson and the departure of Miss Monroe. Its burden is borne by the patient shoulders of Miss Schade, who superintends the works in addition to her own arduous labor. Miss Sigrid Esberhn is at present preparing to take up these duties. There are six women who visit 40 homes each five times a week, thus making 240 homes to visit in which they bring the Gospel to about 1,000 women in Rajahmundry and Dowlaishwaram. These women regret that their work is not so effectual as it might be, because there is so little missionary work done among the men of Rajahmundry.

VI. THE MEDICAL WORK.

The medical work is in charge of Dr. Lydia Woerner, assisted by Dr. Amy B. Rohrer. Dr. Betty Nilsson is at present studying Telugu to prepare for this work. There is at present only one nurse, but Dr. Woerner is assisted by two native women in the dispensary and one in the Hospital to the extent of which untrained help is capable. An American graduate nurse is an absolute essential, as the help otherwise obtainable is altogether unreliable. This work has been most successfully carried on by Dr. Woerner, notwithstanding the fact that both the Hospital and the dispensary are conducted in inadequate native dwellings. That this work is a truly evangelizing factor is shown by the veneration and respect in which Dr. Woerner is held by high and low, men and women, in the community and beyond. Plans for the new hospital buildings were completed and submitted to the Commission for inspection before they were forwarded to the Board. The grounds on which the buildings are to be located are situated near the southern limits of Rajahmundry on the way to Dowlaishwaram and are admirably adapted to their purpose. The medical bungalow compound is situated on the same tract of land. For the dispensary a more central location is necessary. A suitable piece of ground has been selected for the purpose and negotiations for the purchase of the same have been entered upon.

VII. THE PUBLICATION HOUSE.

The Publication House is located in a building in the Riverdale Compound. The building is quite small and somewhat out of repair, but repairs have been begun. In this building is housed the Braun Press. Much of this original type has disappeared and much that is left is in poor condition. A new supply of type is imperatively needed to put the press on a

profit-yielding basis. While from the start the press was operated at a loss, it has gradually come up and now under the expert management of the Rev. C. F. Kuder, bids fair to yield a moderate profit. In connection with the press a small but interesting book store carries on a trade in books, stationery, and the like. Inasmuch as we have discovered in the Leipzig and Hermannsburg fields and in conversation with our own missionaries that a strong demand exists for our own General Council Sunday-school publications, and inasmuch as we have found various kinds of Sunday-school literature from other sources circulated in our own field, we urge it upon the Board to enter into negotiation with the General Council Publication Board to supply our Sunday-school publications without the text and have the text in Telugu and Tamil printed at our own Publication House in Rajahmundry. Similar arrangements are at present in use by other Publication Houses.

VIII. INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY.

So far the only attempt made in the way of industrial training is in the line of lace-making. This branch was begun and successfully carried on up to its present profit-bearing proportions by Mrs. J. H. Harpster, whose place, when she leaves on furlough, will be taken by Mrs. E. Neudoerffer. The teachers have been trained for the work in Madras. We are informed that about 200 women are engaged in the work and that they are able to make very fair wages. Besides the opportunity given for religious instruction, the work induces habits of neatness, cleanliness and industry, withdrawing the women from the idle gossip of their former life. It also affords a decent means of support to destitute widows. It would be desirable that a market for the goods be found in which there would not be any need of paying such an enormous duty to the Government as is the case at present. Inasmuch as our native Christians are usually poor and possess no property and the only means of rising in the world are open through the trades, it would be well for the Church to consider the question of industrial training for our poor Christians.

IX. THE MISSION PROPERTY.

We have inspected all the important property (with the exception of small schools and sites in the districts) including churches, schools, bungalows, and the medical buildings; but as their values have already been reported to the Board through the Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D., we do not find it necessary to report the figures in this connection. We find also that our Mission is the owner of splendid properties of which it may well be proud; but we feel that if any economy is to be exercised in the field, it would come in the line of buildings, and it is desirable that no buildings be erected without the consent of qualified committees.

We also wandered over and inspected all of the so-called Haas lands and found them to be good, productive rice lands. They are farmed out to Christians by the Attorney's agent and yield a slight rental with the exceptions of about 90 acres (20 of which are held rent free by a superannuated catechist near Gorlamudi, and the rest by the Lankapuram colony) and these are said to be the most productive of all the lands. We find these lands scattered, in larger and smaller portions throughout a large area, and it requires expert technical knowledge to locate them. These holdings are apt to involve the Board's attorney in continual lawsuits, besides the excessive demands upon his time, and make it necessary for him to employ a native agent over whose actions he cannot exercise the necessary supervision. As we cannot benefit all our Christians by these lands, the discrimination arouses constant jealousies and fosters a spirit of helpless dependence in the beneficiaries. It has been said in other missions that these land schemes have proven a curse to the mission engaged in them. We recommend therefore that all lands not used or held for strictly mission purposes be sold if possible at the earliest suitable convenience.

X. THE BOOK-KEEPING AND RECORDS.

The exigencies of mission work require considerable book-keeping at the hands of the missionary. We find an admirable system in vogue among our missionaries, which is simple and easily managed and the books are, as a rule, well kept and in good order. The treasurer has a general mission account with the Board; a general account with the bank at Madras; an account with the individual missionaries and departments; a file-book containing all orders and receipts. The emergency fund is balanced every month and the general account balanced and audited every quarter. Every district missionary keeps a voucher or journal for the daily expenses; a ledger; a pay roll for his native workers. These accounts are audited regularly by the auditing committee of the Council. Then he keeps a school fund account supervised by the government official; the Rampa fund account; the widows' fund account. The last two are audited in April for the Telugu Conference. To this must be added the congregational record, which contains the names of the congregations, monthly contributions, Sunday collections, communion offerings, special and general offerings. Besides this in every congregation a regular church record is kept by the local teacher.

After careful consultation with the missionaries and the treasurer officially we offer the following recommendations: (a) That the Treasurer of the Board send duplicate vouchers with individual orders, one to be returned to him, the other to be filed by the Mission Treasurer. (b) That the emergency account be discontinued as a contingent fund and restricted to purely emergent cases, as sickness and death.

XI. ADMINISTRATION.

As before stated, we attended two meetings of the Mission Council and one of the Executive Committee. These meetings were conducted according to parliamentary usage and in a fraternal and dignified manner, just as similar meetings are conducted at home. For the conduct of the administation certain changes might be suggested, but these are embodied in the proposed rules of which we make mention in the following.

Previous to the coming of the Commission the Council had already been asked by the Board to suggest modifications in the existing rules. To this end a committee had been appointed, which, when it saw that the same instructions were given to the Commissioners, invited the latter for consultation. Proposals as thus agreed upon in common session were put before the Mission Council and unanimously adopted by the same in their final setting. We herewith submit a copy of these revised rules and recommend them to the Board in the same manner as the Mission Council and fully endorse the latter's action.

XII. THE MISSION AS A WHOLE.

Considering that our native Christians are but recently raised out of heathenism and that they are surrounded on every hand by a heathen world with all its vices and degradations, their spiritual condition and growth in Christian life are to be commended. It is true that they are subject to certain temptations and their spiritual and moral condition cannot entirely be gauged by the standards prevailing at home. As a rule they are very faithful in attending public services and sometimes go great distances in order to be present. During the services they observe a devout attitude (except in villages where Christianity is new) and the manner in which they sing the hymns is enough to stir the heart.

We found divine services everywhere conducted according to the full order of morning service except in a few instances where the exigencies of time and place made a departure from the same necessary. In every instance the people were thoroughly familiar with all the responses and other parts to be rendered by the congregation.

Our missionaries are overburdened with the labor of their calling and a mass of technical work connected with the administration of their departments. At times they long for spiritual fellowship and the inspiration and help to be derived from each other's counsel and sympathy. Several have spoken to us about the desirability of a closer bond to draw them together for mutual edification and spiritual refreshment besides that offered in the public services.

A number of native Christians who are coolies seek employment away from home and thus drift to Burmah. They do not become permanent residents, however, and investigations made by our Mission Council, and

the visit of Dr. Harpster and the temporary appointment of a Catechist in Rangoon, have shown that it is not advisable at present to extend operations to that point.

With Rajahmundry the case stands otherwise. No organized efforts are at present put forth to evangelize the male population of the city. We do not say this in disparagement of the work of our missionaries; but as a matter of fact, we have not sufficient men to put one in charge of this work as ought to be done.

With the scanty supply of men sent from home and the prospective necessary furlough of several in the field, the condition in our field is becoming critical. Others are ready to step in and do the work that we cannot do and only waiting for a suitable occasion. We feel constrained to urge upon the Church the imperative need of sending an additional force at least equal to the one on the field. The demands of the times are such as that the very best men the Church possesses should be sent to foreign lands. The indications on the field point to the fact that there will be in the near future a large ingathering of souls and the Church must be ready for it or else lose her opportunities.

In conclusion we would say, that notwithstanding human frailties and error, and the insufficient supply of laborers and means, the Lord has signally prospered our mission, and thereby indicated that the work is His and not of men. There is much that is successful and much that is encouraging and from this viewpoint the outlook for the future is a bright one. Let the Church give thanks to her Redeemer for thus prospering her feeble efforts and awake to a great sense of her responsibility and duty.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Theodore Benze,
C. W. Foss,
Commissioners.

Bombay, India, February 12, 1909.

Part III.

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MISSION IN THE GODAVERI AND KISTNA DISTRICTS, INDIA, FOR THE BIENNIUM 1907-08.

MISSIONARIES AND THEIR WORK.

NAME.	WORK.	RESIDENCE.
*Rev. J. H. Harpster, DD.....	Bhimavaram, Narsapur taluks, Book Depot, Mission Press, Chairman Executive Committee...	Rajahmundry.
*Mrs. J. H. Harpster.....	Supt. Lace Work.....	Rajahmundry.

Rev. Rudolph Arps	Dowlaishwaram Station... Ramachandrapuram and Amalapur taluks, Mission Treasurer	Dowlaishwaram.
Mrs. Rudolph Arps		Dowlaishwaram.
Rev. H. E. Isaacson	Samulkot Station	Samulkot.
Mrs. H. E. Isaacson		Samulkot.
Rev. E. Neudoerffer,	Tanuku taluk	Tadepalligudem.
Mrs. E. Neudoerffer, M.D.		Tadepalligudem.
Rev. C. F. Kuder, M.A.	Boys' Central School	Rajahmundry.
*Miss Agnes I. Schade	Girls' Central School..... Training School for Teachers. Zenana Work	Rajahmundry.
Miss L. Woerner, M.D.	Women's and Children's Hospital and Dispensary.	Rajahmundry.
Miss Emilie L. Weiskotten	Hindu Girls' Schools	Rajahmundry.
Rev. Karl L. Wolters	Korukonda field and Rajahmundry town	Rajahmundry.
Rev. O. O. Eckardt	Jaggampetta field	Rajahmundry.
Mrs. O. O. Eckardt		Rajahmundry.
Rev. O. L. Larson	Yernigudem taluk	Tallapudi.
Mrs. O. L. Larson		Tallapudi.
Miss Amy B. Rohrer, M.D.		Rajahmundry.
Miss Betty Nilsson, M.D.		Rajahmundry.
Miss Sigrid Esberhn		Rajahmundry.
*Miss Susan E. Monroe		Rajahmundry.

NATIVE PASTORS.

Rev. J. William	Assistant in Korukonda field	Rajahmundry.
Rev. P. W. Ratnam	Bible Teacher, Peddapur	Peddapur.

* Now in America on furlough.

GENERAL REVIEW.

The Biennium under review has been one of undoubted progress. It is true, the conditions for work have been favorable. In our last report we were obliged to report frightful epidemics of cholera and smallpox in the mission. The last two years have been singularly free from these dread scourges so common in India. We were then also obliged to report distress amounting almost to famine in the Yernigudem and part of the Rajahmundry taluks. The last two years have been seasons of plenty, and there has been food for man and beast. Whilst the price of grain has remained normally high, the wages of the laboring classes have also risen beyond what they, perhaps, have ever been before. This economical condition will, likely, be permanent. India is not the cheap country to live in it was twenty, or even ten years ago. Political economists say it never will be again. Foreign Boards will have to reckon with this fact before them.

PERSONNEL.

During the two years under review Misses S. E. Monroe and Hedwig Wahlberg withdrew from the field—the former, an honorary missionary, because of expired engagement, the latter because of inability to endure

the climate of India. During this time Revs. F. W. Wackernagel and E. H. Trafford returned to America.

Four new missionaries joined the staff: The Rev. C. F. Kuder, after nine years' absence from India, returned and took up his former position as manager of the Boys' Central School; Miss Amy B. Rohrer, M.D., Miss Betty Nillson, M.D., and Miss Sigrid Esberhn. The three recruits are engaged in learning the language of the people.

Miss E. L. Weiskotten and Miss L. Woerner M.D., returned from furlough and have taken up their former work at the head of the Hindu Girls' Schools and Medical Department respectively.

BOYS' CENTRAL SCHOOL BUILDING.

During the period under review the Boys' Central School was removed to the new home provided for it at Luthergiri, about one mile south of the town. The school, the students and the manager, are, by the consent of all beholders, extraordinarily well housed. It is certain that, as concerns the preparation of a native agency, our educational work has entered upon a new era.

THE NEW HOSPITAL.

This greatly needed and long contemplated mission enterprise seems about to be realized. The plans and estimates have been finally submitted to the Board. Sheds for the protection of material have been built, and not a little gathered.

PROGRESS.

The following table will show that the work, though by no means by leaps and bounds, has been steadily going forward. It is as true in India as it was in the days of Jesus in Palestine that "the poor have the Gospel preached to them," and so far, it is largely the poor who have accepted it. This, we reason, is largely the history of the message of Christ in the world; and it was to have been expected that history would repeat itself in India as it has everywhere else. Our people, as the people of every other mission in India, are not from the higher social stratum mostly, but from the lower. They bear, deep cut, the scars of centuries of social stigma, the dwarfed judgment, the blinded moral perceptions, of hoary superstition. To lift them to higher moral levels is slow work, inevitably slow. It must be enough for us, so far, if there is progress; and that there is, we have not only the testimony of our own eyes, but that of our severest critics.

	At the Beginning of 1907 There Were	At the Beginning of 1909 There Were
Baptized members	13,513.	14,919.
Communicants	7,036.	7,521.
Inquirers	1,550.	1,995.
Schools	196.	187.
Pupils	5,336.	5,598.

	At the Beginning of 1907 There Were	At the Beginning of 1909 There Were
Native workers	314.	322.
Ordained missionaries	9.	8.
Zenana missionaries	7.	6.
Wives of missionaries	5	6.
Villages in which there are Christians or inquirers	413.	426.
Congregations	241.	278.
Contributed by Indian Christians	Rs. 4139.3.0	Rs. 5453.9.10

In the above comparative statement three things may be pointed out—three things which are generally regarded as indicating church growth anywhere, and, no doubt, ordinarily do; namely, accessions from the world, increased number of communicants, and benevolence. If these three are the criteria by which to judge of Church growth, then the mission has grown in the last two years. There have been, in the two years, 2096 accessions by baptism; the communicant membership has increased by 500; the benevolence of our people, that is, money actually paid into the hands of the different missionaries, has increased from Rupees 5463-3-0 to Rupees 7320-4-9.

But there is one other thing in the above table that the alert will notice. Whilst in every other department of the mission concerns there has been increase, in the matter of foreign missionaries there has been a decrease.

A NEW STATION.

It has been determined to establish a new mission station at Jaggampet. This place is situated about 10 or 12 miles northwest of Samulkot and about 28 miles northeast of Rajahmundry. The new field will comprise a large territory, extending up into the Rampa Hills. This territory has hitherto belonged to the Samulkot field, but little mission work was done in it. It is, practically, virgin soil, and Mr. Eckardt, the missionary, will have the distinction of building upon his own foundation. Those who have the mission map, recently issued by the Board, will see that, by occupying the strategic point at Jaggampetta, we will, when we get our plans accomplished, have seven mission stations located at somewhat regular intervals from Bhimavaram on the sea to the Rampa Hills, a distance of, perhaps, nearly or quite one hundred miles inland; and, roundly speaking, about the same distance from north to south. The territory included in this parallelogram, as the map above referred to will show, has a population of over two million souls. It is safe to say that among two hundred and fifty thousand of this vast population our mission is the only one doing any work. Surely a field large enough in which, for any Church, to show the mission spirit that may be in it.

A NEW FEATURE.

In co-operation with the Hermannsburg, Breklum, Guntur Missions, a system of annual examinations in Bible and allied subjects, for native assistants, has been established. Attendance at this examination is compulsory upon all our native workers, under the age of 45. The examinations are held at the headquarters of the different missions in October,

continuing four days, and conducted in writing. The workers are divided into five classes, according to their qualifications; the same printed questions being set for the same classes in the four missions. Promotion in mission service, moral qualities considered, is based upon the results of this examination. The salutary effect of the new mission principle is already apparent all over the mission. We believe it to be one of our best pieces of mission legislation during recent years.

SELF-SUPPORT.

It may encourage the reader of this report, especially the man and woman who gives again and again, right through the years, for the support of the mission, and who may ask sometimes, perhaps a bit impatiently, and no blame to him, "what is being done in India toward the support of the mission?"—it may encourage such true hearts to have it pointed out to them that, including the amount contributed by the native church and government grants to our schools, the sum of Rupees 29.542-11-2, or, in American currency, $10,000, have been raised in India.

The additional fact that during the two years the actual money contributed by the native church has *increased* by over 1800 rupees, indicates a considerable stride toward the goal of the ultimate self-support of the mission.

DEATH OF MISS SWENSON.

This devoted missionary has entered into rest. She sleeps among the people she tried to save. She died at her post. She wished it thus, and it was granted her. Her last days were fraught with great physical suffering. As we have said in another connection, her end was as fine as that of any martyr in either Testament.

TWO IMMEDIATE NEEDS.

There are others, but the immediate needs are mainly two. The first imperative need is two more ordained missionaries and one Zenana worker. For see: one of the present staff will go on furlough in April, 1909, and two are entitled to furlough the following year. They expect to go. This, unless the mission is reinforced, will leave nearly one-half the mission stations vacant. It is a contingency sad to contemplate. It is the sadder because likely to occur. Under these critical circumstances to ask for three more missionaries, will, we think, be conceded to be a modest request.

The second immediate need is two missionary bungalows and the necessary plant—one at Bhimmavaram, urged in our last report, the other at Jaggampetta. A little structure has been erected in Bhimavaram with money contributed by the native church, in which the missionary will make shift to reside for the present. The little bungalow, however, is very primitive and with few conveniences. The Jaggampetta missionary has not even that much.

With this much in the way of introduction, we refer the reader to the reports of the different missionaries for their respective fields. We trust the reader will read on. It is a difficult task to convey to our friends and

helpers at home a just and true picture of our work and the results of it. But there is nothing that the missionaries have a greater desire to do than just that very thing. They desire to make plain their failures as well as their successes in the work, its dark, no less than its bright side. For we know that in this, as in everything else, it is frankness that secures the sympathy of right-thinking men and the support of their prayers.

J. H. H.

REPORT OF THE INDIAN TREASURER A. E. L. M. FOR 1908.

Whereas for the year 1907 detailed accounts of the financial condition of the Indian treasury have been sent to the Board by my predecessor in this office, the Rev. Mr. Wackernagel, and

Whereas, by order of the Board, this gentleman, because of his leaving the field, transferred and handed all account books and monies pertaining to the Indian treasury to the undersigned on January 27th, 1908,—

The attached financial statement reviews only the receipts and disbursements for the year 1908. Since the appointment of the undersigned also quarterly statements in detail have been regularly forwarded to the Board. The attached statement is an extract or summary of those Quarterly Reports.

By a letter of the Board, dated February 6th, 1908, the treasurer received the order to submit monthly reports of the Emergency Fund of the Indian treasury. Also these reports have been forwarded regularly every month since April, 1908, through the proper channels, i. e., the chairman of the Executive Committee.

On the whole the accounts have been carried out as heretofore, except for a small change in the method of keeping. Rule 56 of the Board rules orders that the treasurer's account book shall contain:

a. The general mission account with the Board, exhibiting a specified statement of all drafts and receipts from the Board, and

b. Of all moneys paid into the treasury in India, and

c. A statement of account with each station and department, showing all receipts and disbursements.

Instead of entering all items of all these various accounts into one account book only, it was thought more advisable in the interest of greater clearness, to keep three different account books. Account book I showing all items of receipts from the Board in pounds and dollars on the one side and the amounts in rupees and the objects for which the money was sent on the opposite side. Account book II showing a concise account with the Bank of Madras as to receipts and withdrawals, both account books being at the same time a voucher to account book III, called the ledger, which shows the items of all disbursements on the field. Though this method increases the work of the treasurer, it decreases all possible confusion.

The three above mentioned account books and the file book, containing all orders, receipts and correspondence pertaining to the treasury, were

placed before the commissioners for examination, and were approved by them. Respectfully submitted,

RUDOLPH ARPS,
Indian Treasurer A. E. L. M.

Dowlaishwaram, March, 1909.

Financial Statement.

OF THE INDIAN TREASURY FOR THE YEAR 1908.

First Quarter.

January 1.

	Rs.	As.	Ps.
Balance in hand	12,320	12	8
Receipts	9,159	14	2
Total	21,480	10	10
Disbursements	14,419	3	2
Balance in hand	7,061	7	8

Second Quarter.

April 1.

	Rs.	As.	Ps.
Balance in hand	7,061	7	8
Receipts	15,719	3	4
Total	22,780	11	0
Disbursements	15,648	3	2
Balance in hand	7,132	7	10

Third Quarter.

July 1.

	Rs.	As.	Ps.
Balance in hand	7,132	7	10
Receipts	13,274	12	4
Total	20,407	4	2
Disbursements	14,017	15	5
Balance in hand	6,389	4	9

Fourth Quarter.

October 1.

	Rs.	As.	Ps.
Balance in hand	6,389	4	9
Receipts	11,401	13	14
Total	17,791	2	7
Disbursements	12,605	1	0
Balance in hand	5,186	1	7

Details of last Balance, December 31, 1908.

		Rs.	As.	Ps.
1.	American Tract Society Fund.....	141	8	0
2.	Bethlehem School Fund.....	1,000	0	0
3.	Swenson Legacy Fund.....	363	7	10
4.	Haas Land's Fund.....	300	0	0
5.	McCready's salary and house rent.....	1,139	0	0
6.	Samulkot Church Fund	2,190	2	0
7.	Emergency Fund	51	15	9
			5,186	1 7

RUDOLPH ARPS,

Dowlaishwaram, February, 1909. *Treasurer A. E. L. M., India.*

REPORT OF THE JAPAN MISSION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

FRISBY D. SMITH, *Missionary.*

TOKYO, JAPAN, April 1, 1909.

On October 6, 1908, I reached Nagasaki, Japan, by the S. S. "Mongolia," and after spending more than three weeks in visiting the mission stations of the United Synod of the South in Kyushu, came to Tokyo, where for five months I have been engaged in the study of the Japanese language. I have been boarding at the home of the Rev. Prof. H. M. Landis, of the Miji Gakuin, which is a Presbyterian mission school, and attending the Japanese Language School, under the direction of Miss Takano Abe. Since the death of Mr. Matsuda, Miss Abe is considered the best teacher of Japanese in Japan and, at the present time, there are no less than twenty-five students in her school. We are taught reading, writing and conversation, have examinations and reviews and are required to do a fixed amount of work in a certain period of time. I have tried to do faithful work and hope to get a good foundation while I have such splendid advantages.

In January I organized an English Bible class among the clerks in the office of the Japan branch of the New York Life Insurance Company. This class has six members and meets every Saturday afternoon. None of the men are Christians, but all seem to be interested.

In February Dr. Brown came to Tokyo and introduced me to five or six Lutheran young men of Kyushu who are attending school here, and I have been meeting with them every Sunday in a room which we have rented at the Y. M. C. A. building. They understand English very well and I have employed an interpreter only twice. These young men have no church home here and told Dr. Brown that they did not go to church at all.

I am not discouraged with my success of the first six months in Japan and pray that God will use me and direct me in laying the foundations of our work in this country.

Very respectfully,

FRISBY D. SMITH.

LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS, BOYS' CENTRAL SCHOOL, LUTHERGIRI, RAJAHMUNDRY, JAN. 1, 1909.

No.	Name.	Age	Class.	District.	Scholarship.	Supporter.
1.	Palaparti David	17	III Form	Bhimawaram	Melanchthon	Rev. and Mrs. J. Shunk, Smithton, Pa.
2.	Manukonda John	15	IV Form	Bhimawaram	Long Memorial	Young Ladies' Bible Class, Holy Trinity, New York City.
3.	Addanki J. S. Prakasam	10	III Stand.	Bhimawaram		Luther League. First Church. Cleveland, O.
4.	Anaparti Luke	13	III Stand.	Tallapudi		Local Center, Erie, Pa.
5.	Battu Moses	11	III Stand.	Bhimawaram		Sunday-school First Swedish, St. Peter, Minn.
6.	Dylapalli Isaiah	12	III Stand.	Tallapudi	Trinity	Sunday-school, Holy Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y.
7.	Eluri S. Prokasarow	12	III Stand.	Bhimawaram	W. J. Mann	Sunday-school, Frieden's Church, Myerstown, Pa.
8.	Mogalapu Sundaras	17	II Form	Dowlaishwaram		St. Phillipy, Schaefferstown, Pa.
9.	Gummadi Isaac	13	III Stand.	Korukonda	Schindel	Egypt and Mickley's, Lehigh Co., Pa.
10.	Jalluri Elisha	10	III Stand.	Korukonda	Augsburg	Luther League, Leechburg, Pa.
11.	Balla Anadam	16	IV Form	Dowlaishwaram		Young Ladies' Sewing Circle, Clinton, Minn.
12.	Adidela Sundaras	15	V Form	Bhimawaram	Hasselquist	Luther League, St. Michael's Sellersville, Pa.
13.	Prodduku Devadas	15	IV Form	Dowlaishwaram		Ladies' Society, Swedish, Round Rock, Texas.
14.	Vellagapalli Isaac	17	III Form	Bhimawaram		Needleworkers, Trinity, Norristown, Pa.
15.	Pilli Luther	13	IV Form	Bhimawaram	Zion's	Ladies' Mission League, Zion's, Wheeling, W. Va.
16.	Garrikamukkala Joseph	13	II Form	Bhimawaram	C. W. Schaeffer	Women's Missionary Society, St. Michael's, Germantown, Phila.
17.	Gummadi Sundaras	13	III Stand.	Dowlaishwaram		Sunday-school, Bethel, Swedish, Chicago.
18.	Jalluri Paul	11	III Stand.	Korukonda	St. Mark's	Susan A. Nippes, Bustleton, Pa.
19.	Mallela Franklin	14	I Form	Dowlaishwaram	Herman Carlson	Luther League, Renova, Pa.
20.	Ravi Samuel	15	IV Form	Bhimawaram	Artman	Sunday-school, St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.
21.	Potti Anandam	12	I Form	Tadepelligudem		Misses Peiper, St. Stephen's, Brooklyn, N. Y.
22.	Dayem Lazarus	16	I Form	Tadepelligudem		Mrs. G. W. Sandt, Nativity, Philadelphia.
23.	Pidakala Juvaratnam	13	III Stand.	Bhimawaram	Evans	Sunday-school, St. Peter's, Evans City, Pa.
24.	Konala Cornelius	13	III Stand.	Bhimawaram		Willing Workers, St. Michael's, Germantown, Phila.
25.	Sodadasi Juveratnam	16	III Form	Bhimawaram	E.H. & C.P. Schimmelfeng	C. Shimmelfeng, First Church, Warren, Pa.
26.	Alamuri Mark	17	T. C.	Bhimawaram		Sunday-school, Trinity, Perkasie, Pa.
27.	Ganji Jacob	17	T. C.	Tadepelligudem		Swedish Church, Swedeberg, Neb.
28.	Matti Juvaratnam	11	III Stand.	Bhimawaram	John Arndt	Misses Worley, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
29.	Mirtivada Daniel	9	III Stand.	Jaggampet	Davis Garber	Mrs. David Garber, Allentown, Pa.
30.	Mylabattula Gamaliel	11	III Stand.	Bhimawaram	Calvin Seaman	Mrs. A. E. Seaman's Bible Class, Zion's, Frackville, Pa.
31.	Paidi John	12	III Stand.	Bhimawaram	Warren	First Church, Warren, Pa.
32.	Vellagapilli Moses	13	II Form	Bhimawaram		Boys' Mission Band, Emmanuel, Pottstown, Pa.
33.	Sabbiti Moses	13	I Form	Tadepelligudem	George Weyman	Sunday-school, First Church, Pittsburg, Pa.
34.	Pidakala Joseph	10	III Stand.	Bhimawaram		Foreign Mission Society, Ljunghed, Albert City, Iowa.
35.	Torkala Juvaratnam	17	III Form	Bhimawaram		Luther League, Trinity, Middlepoint, O.
36.	Gidla Satyanandam	16	III Form	Dowlaishwaram		Luther League, Trinity, Philadelphia, Pa.
37.	Vepuri Frederick	9	III Stand.	Jaggampet		Sunday-school, Transfiguration, Philadelphia.
38.	Yerram Samuel	10	III Stand.	Bhimawaram	B. M. Schmucker	Sunday-school, Transfiguration, Pottstown, Pa.
39.	Addanki Joseph	11	IV Stand.	Bhimawaram		Senops Kornett, Messiah, Burlington, Iowa.
40.	Tadepalli Jacob	20	T. C.	Korukonda		Woman's Missionary Society, Salem, Lebanon, Pa.
41.	Alerti Jaipaul	12	IV Stand.	Bhimawaram		Luther League, Redeemer, Utica, N. Y.
42.	Bikke Aaron	15	IV Stand.	Samulkot		Ladies' Aid, Holy Trinity, Jeanette, Pa.
43.	Deva David	12	IV Stand.	Bhimawaram		Luther League, Christ's, West Newton, Pa.
44.	Etha Katta Prakasam	12	IV Stand.	Tadepelligudem		Woman's Missionary Society, Reformation, Rochester, N. Y.
45.	Vemana Paradesi	17	T. C.	Dowlaishwaram		Rev. F. N. D. Buchman, Allentown, Pa.
46.	Gorla Juvaratnam	15	IV Stand.	Jaggampet	Krauth	Young Woman's Bible Class, Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y.
47.	Durdala Samuel	15	II Form	Bhimawaram		Sunday-school, Grace, Franklin, Pa.
48.	Gurda William	17	IV Stand.	Tallapudi	Wittenberg	Zion's, Rev. Isenschmidt, Wilmington, Del.

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No.	Name.	Age	Class.	District.	Scholarship.	Supporter.
49.	Gunnabattula Samuel	17	IV Form	Korukonda		Sunday-school, St. Michael's, Germantown, Phila.
50.	Javvadi Sudarshanamu	13	IV Stand	Bhimawaram	Benj. Sadtler, Jr.	Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Sadtler, Dubuque, Iowa.
51.	Palaparti Adam	14	II Form	Bhimawaram		H. J. Moyer, Pillow, Pa.
52.	Kunchelapalli Abraham	12	IV Stand	Bhimawaram		
53.	Manukonda C. Joseph	13	IV Stand	Bhimawaram		John F. Jones, Wentworth Ave., Chicago, Ill.
54.	Deva Anandam	16	IV Form	Dowlaishwaram		Mission Society, St. John's, Van Wert, O.
55.	Matta Juvaratnam	13	IV Stand	Bhimawaram		Luther League, St. John's, Erie, Pa.
56.	Mulla Samuel	16	IV Stand	Jaggampet		
57.	Nakka Nathanael	13	IV Stand	Bhimawaram		Mrs. Mary K. Grafmueller, Epiphany, New York Citty.
58.	Nelaparti D. Prakasam	12	IV Stand	Bhimawaram		
59.	Pilli Prakasam	15	IV Form	Bhimawaram	Salem	Sunday-school, Salem Swedish, Chicago, Ill.
60.	Nitala G. Rajarow	12	IV Stand	Bhimawaram		Infant School, Advent, New York Citty.
61.	Nokku John	15	IV Stand	Samulkot	St. James	Louisa Grim, Allentown, Pa.
62.	Pallivelli Samuel	12	IV Stand	Tallapudi		
63.	Gidla Abraham	13	I Form	Dowlaishwaram	Hassler	Sunday-school, Trinity, New Holland, Pa.
64.	Irlaparti Samuel	12	IV Stand	Dowlaishwaram	Lehl	Luther League, Bangor, Pa.
65.	Pilli Charles	10	IV Stand	Bhimawaram	Indiana	Missionary Society, Zion's, Mulberry, Ind.
66.	Tuluri Prakasam	11	II Form	Dowlaishwaram	Drexel	Mary J. Drexel Deaconess Motherhouse, Philadelphia.
67.	Pilli Samuel	10	IV Stand	Bhimawaram	Pfatteicher	Young People's Missionary Society, Zion's, Easton, Pa.
68.	Betala Johan	16	IV Stand	Bhimawaram		J. G. Lodin, Albert City, Iowa.
69.	Pilli Sudarshanam	11	IV Stand	Bhimawaram		
70.	Torta Immanuel	11	I Form	Bhimawaram	Axtell	Bethany, Swedish, Axtell, Neb.
71.	Katragedda Samuel	15	II Form	Bhimawaram	Tappert	Meriden and Southington churches, Connecticut.
72.	Poturazu Abraham	12	IV Stand	Bhimawaram	Upsala	Sunday-school, Zelienople, Pa.
73.	Vipparti Jesudas	13	IV Stand	Bhimawaram		H. C. Kionka, St. Stephen's, Brooklyn, N. Y.
74.	Chikkala Samuel	12	II Form	Tallapudi		
75.	Velumuri Juvaratnam	13	IV Stand	Tallapudi	Muhlenberg	Sunday-school, Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y.
76.	Veerelli Jonathan	13	IV Stand	Dowlaishwaram	Father Heyer	Father Heyer Miss. Soc., Theological Seminary, Philadelphia.
77.	Gope Jesuratnam	12	I Form	Bhimawaram	Genzler	Woman's Missionary Society, First Church, Selinsgrove, Pa.
78.	Tellam Paul	17	III Form	Tallapudi	Lydia	Missionary Society, Mulberry, Ind.
79.	Artala Devadas	11	I Form	Korukonda	Gustavus Adolphus	Sunday-school, Mannhead, Stanton, Iowa.
80.	Teli P. Krupadanam	15	III Form	Tadepelligudem	Benze	Luther League, St. John's, Erie, Pa.
81.	Betala Solomon	12	I Form	Bhimawaram		Mrs. T. W. Boileau, Bustleton, Pa.
82.	Bynapudi Samuel	12	I Form	Samulkot	A. H. Franke	Sunday-school, Emmanuel, Germantown, O.
83.	Palaparti Joshua	19	V Form	Tallapudi		Ladies' Missionary Society, Trinity, Norristown, Pa.
84.	Chinnam Sudarshanam	13	I Form	Jaggampet		Parish and Missionary Society, Luther Memorial, Erie, Pa.
85.	Razala Moses	16	III Form	Tadepelligudem		Young Men's Bible Class, Grace, Bethlehem, Pa.
86.	Peetala Charles	14	IV Form	Bhimawaram		
87.	Teli C. Krupadanam	15	III Form	Tadepelligudem	Phoebe	Missionary Society, St. Peter's, Bethlehem, Pa.
88.	Pidakala Satyanandam	17	V Form	Bhimawaram		Sunday-school, St. Mark's, Pennsburg, Pa.
89.	Karra Reuben	16	V Form	Bhimawaram		
90.	Dunna Joseph	18	I Form	Tallapudi		Mustard Seed Society, Messiah, Burlington, Iowa.
91.	Rayaparti Sundaras	15	II Form	Dowlaishwaram	Seiss	Sunday-school, Holy Communion, Philadelphia.
92.	Gandi Nathanael	17	III Form	Bhimawaram		Missionary Society, St. James, Altoona, Pa.
93.	Pidakala Ch. Moses	11	II Form	Bhimawaram	W. A. Passavant	Luther League, Christ's, Pittsburg, Pa.
94.	Gidla Israel	12	I Form	Samulkot		
95.	Tuluri Devasahayam	11	II Form	Dowlaishwaram		Martha E. McCully, Trinity, Lancaster, Pa.
96.	Chindarda Joseph	17	III Form	Bhimawaram	Fichthorn	Luther League, Trinity, Norristown, Pa.

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No.	Name.	Age	Class.	District.	Scholarship.	Supporter.
97.	Gidla Samuel	13	I Form	Samulkot	Yount	Sunday-school, First Church, Greensburg, Pa.
98.	Torta Juvaratnam	15	III Form	Bhimawaram		Mission Band, Trinity, Bangor, Pa.
99.	Gordi David	11	I Form	Bhimawaram		Sunday-school, St. Stephen's, Toledo, O.
100.	Kakara Bhushanam	12	I Form	Bhimawaram		Icelandic Evangelical Lutheran Synod of N. A.
101.	Mandru Joseph	13	I Form	Bhimawaram		Icelandic Evangelical Lutheran Synod of N. A.
102.	Taluri Krupadanam	16	III Form	Bhimawaram	Eckert	Luther League, Racine, Wis.
103.	Manukonda Sadhurn	15	T. C.	Bhimawaram	Frick	Redeemer and Epiphany Churches, Milwaukee, Wis.
104.	Manukonda P. Joseph	13	I Form	Bhimawaram		Mission League, First Church, Monaca, Pa.
105.	Ravi Benjamin	13	IV Stand.	Bhimawaram		Mission League, First Church, Monaca, Pa.
106.	Pilli Jacob	13	II Form	Bhimawaram	Spaeth	Woman's Missionary Society, Redeemer, Albany, N. Y.
107.	Pilli Juvaratnam	12	I Form	Samulkot		Ladies' Missionary Society, Chisago Lake, Minn.
108.	Marri Immanuel	13	I Form	Dowlaishwaram		J. H. Leippe, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
109.	Mulla Anandam	17	I Form	Jaggampet		
110.	Deva Jacob	13	I Form	Dowlaishwaram		J. H. Keppelman and others, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
111.	Sheik Ali Shelumiel	11	IV Stand.	Jaggampet		Woman's Missionary Society, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
112.	Nakka James	12	I Form	Bhimawaram		Dr. Richards and others, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
113.	Pilli Cornelius	17	II Form	Dowlaishwaram		W. S. Mohr, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
114.	Namburi Paul	12	I Form	Tadepelligudem		Miss Mohr and others, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
115.	Dylapalli Richard	17	IV Form	Tallapudi		Judge G. A. Endlich, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
116.	Boosi Peter	17	IV Form	Bhimawaram		A. R. Bard and others, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
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118.	Pidakala Prakasam	14	I Form	Bhimawaram		Sunday-school, Trinity, Mt. Joy, Pa.
119.	Potti Abraham	12	I Form	Tadepelligudem		Mrs. H. S. Muhlenberg, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
120.	Sabbiti Devasahayam	12	I Form	Tadepelligudem		St. Paul's, Rochester, N. Y.
121.	Gollipalli Nathan	15	IV Form	Tadepelligudem	Faith	John Mayer, Grace, Buffalo, N. Y.
122.	Potla Elisha	17	III Form	Tadepelligudem	Kepner	Boys' Mission Band, Emmanuel, Pottstown, Pa.
123.	Sheik Ali Gamaliel	14	I Form	Dowlaishwaram		Mission Class, Swedish Church, Brockton, Mass.
124.	Sodadasi Joseph	18	I Form	Bhimawaram		
125.	Buditti Shadrach	14	II Form	Tadepelligudem	Waidelich	Sunday-school, St. Michael's, Sellersville, Pa.
126.	Teli Matthew	12	I Form	Tadepelligudem		
127.	Aditi Gabriel	12	II Form	Korukonda	Miller	Luther League, Trinity, Phoenixville, Pa.
128.	Christian S. McGiel	11	II Form	Korukonda		First Church, Butler, Pa.
129.	Rayaparti Isaiah	11	II Form	Dowlaishwaram		Member of St. Michael's, Sellersville, Pa.
130.	Gangi David	17	IV Form	Tadepelligudem	Ehrhart	Sunday-school, Grace, New York City.
131.	Gopala Devadas	15	III Form	Dowlaishwaram	St. Lawrence	Junior Missionary Society, Trinity, Lancaster, Pa.
132.	Gordi Prakasam	14	III Form	Tadepelligudem		Young People's Society, Ljunghed, Albert City, Iowa.
133.	Mulla Samuel	16	III Form	Jaggampet		Sunday-school, Resurrection, Brooklyn, N. Y.
134.	Gollipalli Jesudas	20	T. C.	Tadepelligudem		Mission Band, St. John's, Pittsburg, Pa.
135.	Kolli Peter	20	T. C.	Tadepelligudem		
136.	Busi William	18	T. C.	Rajahmundry		Woman's Missionary Society, St. Mark's, S. Bethlehem, Pa.
137.	Penugula Sundaras	18	I Form	Korukonda		
138.						
139.	Vuba Jesudas	14	II Form	Tadepelligudem		Luther League, Trinity, Pottsville, Pa.
140.	Peetala M. Raphael	8	IV Stand.	Korukonda		Mrs. W. B. Grosh, St. Augustine, Fla.
141.	Arigela Jacob	20	T. C.	Tadepelligudem		Mrs. P. S. Ermold and others, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
142.	Jetti Swaminandam	12	I Form	Samulkot		Sunday-school, St. John's, Meadville, Pa.
143.	Paduri Prakasam	19	T. C.	Dowlaishwaram		Passavant Missionary Circle, Luther Memorial, Erie, Pa.

Total number of boarding pupils, 141; day pupils, 34, of whom 5 are non-Christian.
Total number of scholarships supported, 128.
The initials T. C. mean Training Class.

LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS, GIRLS' CENTRAL SCHOOL, RAJAHMUNDRY, JAN. 1, 1909.

No.	Name.	Age.	Class.	District.	Scholarship.	Supporter.
1.	Vagiri Martha	10	IV A	Bhimawaram		Mrs. Glasow's S. S. Class, Zion's Johnstown, Pa.
2.	Moora Kantama	15	V	Dowlaishwaram		Sunday-school, Zion's, Treverton, Pa.
3.	Pottulu Kantama	16	VII	Tanuku	Dorcas	Ladies' Aid, Milverton, Can.
4.	Teli Kempuratnam	14	VI	Tanuku	Ella Heller	Mrs. O. S. Heller, Redeemer, Binghamton, N. Y.
5.	Yadangi Mary	10	IV A	Bhimawaram	Mary Kline	Woman's Missionary Society, St. Michael's, Allentown, Pa.
6.	Ponna Mary	11	IV A	Bhimawaram	Louisa Weber Hofer	Rev. B. F. Hofer.
7.	Penumala Guanaratnama	11	III	Bhimawaram		Mission Workers, St. John's, Philadelphia.
8.	Notangi Prasadham	12	V	Tallapudi		Class 52, S. S., Trinity, Reading, Pa.
9.	Penumala Esther	12	IV B	Bhimawaram	Marie Eaton	Sunday-school, First Church, Pittsburg.
10.	Potumudi Chandravati	12	IV B	Dowlaishwaram	Cath. von Bora	St. John's, Pittston, Pa.
11.	Chinnam Varahala	10	II	Bhimawaram	Emma L. Merkham	Y. W. M. S., St. John's, Columbia, Pa.
12.	Sade Kantama	8	I	Dowlaishwaram		Ladies' Aid, Swedish Church, Ada, Kansas.
13.	Kondeti Ratnama	13	IV A	Dowlaishwaram		Mission Circle, St. John's, Pittston, Pa.
14.	Jangam Kruparatnama	9	I	Dowlaishwaram		Mission Circle, St. John's, Pittston, Pa.
15.	Sarelli Kantama	12	V	Bhimawaram		Young Ladies' Class, S. S., Swedesburg, Ia.
16.	Gidla Paranjatama	7	Inf't	Dowlaishwaram		St. John's, Erie, Pa.
17.	Sodadasi Naomi	10	III	Bhimawaram		Mrs. Dinkey's S. S. Class, Reformation, Rochester, N. Y.
18.	Betala Lydia	16	VII	Bhimawaram		Children's Mission Band, Elgin, Ill.
19.	Prodduku Krupavati	9	I	Dowlaishwaram		Sunday-school, Bethel, San Jose, Cal.
20.	Nootampati Bhagyavati	10	III	Samulkot		Mission Band, Emmanuel Swedish, Chicago.
21.	Sarepelli Kantama	12	V	Bhimawaram		Bible Class, Atonement, Buffalo.
22.	Teli Manikiam	11	III	Tanuku		Sunday-school, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Rev. Berg.
23.	Podavala Shantama	12	IV A	Bhimawaram		Earnest Workers, Redeemer, Albany, N. Y.
24.	Kandavalli Shantama	12	IV A	Samulkot		Zion's, Lunenberg, Nova Scotia.
25.	Patti Guanasundari	10	II	Bhimawaram	Geo. Bateman	Mrs. George Bateman, Norristown, Pa.
26.	Uba Sundari	10	IV A	Samulkot		Mission Band, Washington, Pa.
27.	Maka Dinama	10	IV B	Dowlaishwaram		Sunday-school, Grace, Newark, N. J.
28.	Velagapalli Kempuratnama	9	III	Bhimawaram		Woman's Missionary Society, Advent, Lancaster, Pa.
29.	Janga Manikiam	9	III	Dowlaishwaram		Class 54, S. S., Trinity, Reading, Kate Worley.
30.	Sarelli Annama	12	VI	Bhimawaram	Margie S. Hager	Mrs. Ellmacher, per Kath. Hager, Lancaster, Pa.
31.	Matti Suryakantama	12	IV A	Bhimawaram		First Church, Swedish, Rock Island, Ill.
32.	Kollabattulu Shantama	7	Inf't	Dowlaishwaram		The Misses Bauer, Allentown, Pa.
33.	Edi Janama	11	III	Bhimawaram		Rev. C. L. Warstler, Whitestown, Ind.
34.	Velagapalli Alice Mary	7	II	Bhimawaram	Sister Amelia	Deaconess Motherhouse, Milwaukee, Wis.
35.	Boddu Kantama	13	IV B	Bhimawaram		Daughters of St. Luke's, Chicago.
36.	Kalli Kantama	12	IV B	Bhimawaram		Junior League, Penn's Station, Pa.
37.	Jalli Shantama	12	III	Bhimawaram		Rev. B. S. Mystrom, Arleton, Nebraska.
38.	Pidakala Eve	12	V	Bhimawaram		Sunday-school, Holy Trinity, Chicago.
39.	Pradduku Annama	13	V	Dowlaishwaram		Sunday-school, Zion's, Johnstown, Pa.
40.	Maila Dinama	12	III	Bhimawaram		Missionary Society, Warren, Pa.
41.	Tota Annama	12	V	Bhimawaram		St. John's, Erie, Pa.
42.	Erram Rhoda	12	IV A	Bhimawaram		Junior League, Grace, Reading, Pa.
43.	Kandukuri Miriam	11	IV B	Bhimawaram		Mustard Seed Society, Messiah, Burlington, Ia.
44.	Boosa Manikiam	12	III	Samulkot		Junior League, Grace, Reading, Pa.
45.	Deva Shantama	14	V	Dowlaishwaram	Emma Rasch Memorial	Lena Rasch, Zelienople, Pa.
46.	Jetti Dinama	12	IV B	Samulkot		Susan Hannah, Trinity, Reading, Pa.

LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS, GIRLS' CENTRAL SCHOOL, RAJAHMUNDRY, JAN. 1, 1909 (Continued).

No.	Name.	Age.	Class.	District.	Scholarship.	Supporter.
47.	Pidakala Sarah	13	IV B	Bhimawaram		King's Daughters, Trinity, Buffalo.
48.	Matti Ratnama	9	I	Bhimawaram		Adelia Monson, Spokane, Wash.
49.	Battini Kempuratnama	8	II	Dowlaishwaram		Mission Band, Daytona, Ia.
50.	Kadiam Mary	13	VI	Tallapudi		Young Ladies' Society, St. Mark's, Philadelphia.
51.	Dara Ratnama	12	IV B	Dowlaishwaram		Miss Etta Fackiner, Summit, N. J.
52.	Janga Annama	8	I	Dowlaishwaram	Marie Teleen	S. F. Teleen, New York.
53.	Bandela Manikiam	16	N	Tanuku		Woman's Missionary Society, St. Paul's, Orwigsburg, Pa.
54.	Godi Alice	11	IV B	Bhimawaram		Catechumens, Christ, Hazleton, Pa.
55.	Potumudi Kantama	15	V	Dowlaishwaram		Deaconess Motherhouse, Milwaukee, Wis.
56.	Nittela Margaret	7	Inf't	Bhimawaram		Girls' Mission Band, Christ's, Hazleton, Pa.
57.	Pidakala Grace	17	N	Bhimawaram		Swedish Lutheran Church, Wakefield, Neb.
58.	Geddamu Mary	10	III	Dowlaishwaram		Woman's Missionary Society, Trinity, Danville, Pa.
59.	Kavadapu Katie	13	VII	Dowlaishwaram		Bible Class, St. Michael's German, Philadelphia.
60.	Karra Manikiam	15	VI	Bhimawaram		Bible Class, St. Michael's German, Philadelphia.
61.	Gidla Kantama	11	IV B	Dowlaishwaram		Junior Workers, Grace, Youngstown, O.
62.	Gidla Manikiam	17	N	Dowlaishwaram		St. Mark's, Fargo, N. Dak.
63.	Madda Shantama	16	VI	Bhimawaram		Bible Class, Gustavus Adolphus, Pittsburg.
64.	Edi Victoria	15	VI	Bhimawaram		Junior Workers, Grace, Youngstown, O.
65.	Pamu Mary	17	VII	Dowlaishwaram		Luther League, St. Paul's, Morrisburg, Ont.
66.	Edla Paranjotama	16	N	Dowlaishwaram		Woman's Missionary Society, St. Michael's, Allentown, Pa.
67.	Namabhaktulu Satyavati	16	VII	Korukonda		Caroline Gunther, St. Luke's, Philadelphia.
68.	Betala Dinama	9	III	Bhimawaram		Junior Missionary Society, St. James, Reading, Pa.
69.	Magulapu Dipakama	18	VII	Dowlaishwaram		Rev. O. Linke, Conestoga, Ont., Can.
70.	Kakalapati Mary	8	I	Tallapudi		Girls' Mission Band, Christ's, Hazleton, Pa.
71.	Uba Mary	10	III	Samulkot		Woman's Missionary Soc., Redeemer, Binghamton, N. Y.
72.	Mailabattulu Dinama	7	Inf't	Bhimawaram		Mrs. B. M. (Gustav) Johnson, Osage City, Kan.
73.	Mallipuvala Jemima	12	V	Dowlaishwaram		Sunday-school Class, Mrs. J. A. Weyl, Grace, New York City.
74.	Pulugu Mary	11	II	Dowlaishwaram		Sunday-school, Apostles, Philadelphia.
75.	Mellimi Kantama	12	V	Dowlaishwaram		
76.	Podapati Kantama	12	III	Bhimawaram		Earnest Workers, Redeemer, Albany, N. Y.
77.	Nokku Manikiam	9	II	Samulkot		Ladies' Society, Elizabethville, Pa.
78.	Giddi Dinama	14	V	Dowlaishwaram		Holy Trinity, Chester, Pa.
79.	Battini Annama	15	V	Dowlaishwaram		Mission Workers, St. John's, Philadelphia.
80.	Raya Dinama	15	VI	Dowlaishwaram		Anna E. Peterson, Topeka, Kan.
81.	Gopala Ratnama	14	VII	Dowlaishwaram		Sunday-school, Luther Memorial, Erie, Pa.
82.	Karre Ratnama	15	N	Samulkot		Sister Ida Buck, Epileptic Home, Rochester, Pa.
83.	Rapaka Chandravati	7	Inf't	Tanuku		Miss Cornelius' Class, S. S., Trinity, Buffalo.
84.	Palli Eleonora	15	VII	Dowlaishwaram		Y. W. Bible Class, Trinity, Buffalo.
85.	Bikkay Sarah	12	II	Samulkot		Sunday-school, Holy Trinity, Brooklyn.
86.	Boda Julia	11	II	Dowlaishwaram		Mrs. Hoffman, St. John's, Philadelphia.
87.	Kasi Satyvati	16	VI	Dowlaishwaram		Mrs. Hoffman, St. John's, Philadelphia.
88.	Pidakala Rhoda	15	VII	Bhimawaram		Dorcas Society, St. Peters, English, Philadelphia.
89.	Pandiri Guanasundari	8	I	Tanuku		Mission Band, St. Michael's, Allentown.
90.	Tyrre Mary	7	I	Tanuku		Missionary Society, Warren, Pa.
91.	Kottepalli Kantama	13	III	Dowlaishwaram		Woman's Missionary Society, St. Luke's, Allentown, Pa.
92.	Palangi Mary	13	VI	Dowlaishwaram		S. S., Ascension, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia.

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No.	Name.	Age.	Class.	District.	Scholarship.	Supporter.
93.	Gunupudi Karuna	12	II	Tanuku		Girls' Mission Band, Transfiguration, Pottsville, Pa.
94.	Nootampati Surya Ratama	15	VI	Samulkot		Woman's Missionary Soc., Christ's Elizabethtown, Pa.
95.	Vidyana Satyavati	14	V	Samulkot	W. F. Ulery	Sunday-school, Greenville, Pa.
96.	Kollabattulu Manikiam	10	III	Dowlaishwaram	J. W. Oberly	Sunday-school, Greenville, Pa.
97.	Vidyana Alice	13	V	Samulkot	T. H. Lane	Sunday-school, First Church, Pittsburg.
98.	Komarapu Satyavati	13	III	Dowlaishwaram		
99.	Notangi Ketura	15	VI	Tallapudi		Sunday-school, Trinity, Mt. Joy, Pa.
100.	Sarelli Mary	13	V	Dowlaishwaram		Luther League, Zion's, Greensburg, Pa.
101.	Kakarla Karuna	11	II	Tallapudi		Deaconess Motherhouse, Milwaukee, Wis.
102.	Cheybattulu Alice	15	VI	Bhimawaram		Augustana Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society.
103.	Arthala Karuna	13	VI	Korukonda		Augustana Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society.
104.	Dasi Shantama	10	II	Tanuku		
105.	Geddamu Ratnama	14	V	Dowlaishwaram		
106.	Gudise B. Venkama	14	IV A	Dowlaishwaram		
107.	Chintada Alice	11	IV B	Tallapudi		Sunday-school, Holy Communion, Philadelphia.
108.	Uba Sarah	12	IV A	Tanuku		Mr. and Mrs. J. Henrich, Trinity, Buffalo.
109.	Karkala Shantama	9	III	Tallapudi		Mission Circle, Zion's, Erie, Pa.
110.	Pantagani Esther	16	N	Bhimawaram		Mission Circle, Grace, Rochester, N. Y.
111.	Siddela Chilakama	13	V	Tallapudi		Mission Circle, Grace, Rochester, N. Y.
112.	Kolli Mary	10	II	Tanuku		Jr. L. L., St. John's, Richmond Hill, L. I.
113.	Mommuvadarpu Kempuratnam	10	I	Tanuku		Mission Band, Jerusalem, Schwenksville, Pa.
114.	Manukonda Ruth	12	V	Bhimawaram		Luther League, Vandalia, Ill.
115.	Kollabattulu Ratnama	12	IV A	Dowlaishwaram		Temple Children, St. Peter's, North Wales, Pa.
116.	Penumanka Sarah	12	IV A	Tallapudi		Woman's Missionary Soc., Emmanuel, Pottstown, Pa.
117.	Penumaku Susanna	10	III	Tallapudi		Swedish Church, Mead, Neb.
118.	Mudda Dinama	15	V	Bhimawaram		Ladies' Aid, Trinity, Jamestown, N. Y.
119.	Notangi Mary	12	III	Tallapudi		Swedish church, Bethany, Neb.
120.	Gootla Shantama	17	VII	Bhimawaram		Woman's Missionary Soc., St. John's, Auburn, Pa.
121.	Modika Jessica	11	IV B	Tallapudi		Woman's Missionary Soc., St. John's, Allentown, Pa.
122.	Konupudi Shantama	14	IV A	Tallapudi		Advent Church, New York.
123	Kunchelapalli Kantama	13	IV A	Bhimawaram		Bible School, Advent, New York.
124.	Geddamu Prasadham	11	II	Tallapudi		
125.	Namabhaktulu Martha	14	V	Korukonda		Salena Becker, Williamsburg, Ont., Can.
126.	Katem Dinama	11	IV A	Dowlaishwaram		Ladies' Missionary Soc., Williamsburg, Ont., Can.
127.	Mallipurala Anantama	10	III	Dowlaishwaram		St. John's, Zanesville, Ohio.
128.	Siddela Jemima	9	I	Tallapudi		L. L., St. John's, Homestead, Pa.
129.	Kadiam Esther	12	II	Tallapudi		L. L., Omaha, Neb.
130.	Nittela B. Chandravati	8	III	Korukonda		Miss Elsa M. Weismiller, 2107 6th Ave, Seattle, Wash.
131.	Patamati Janakama	14	IV B	Dowlaishwaram		Missionary Society, Trinity, Lansford, Pa.
132.	Kollabattulu Manikiam	16	VI	Dowlaishwaram		Girls' Mission Band, Christ's, Tinicum, Pa.
133.	Jalluri Elizabeth	7	Inf't	Korukonda		Y. P. Soc., Swedish Church, Dahlsborg, S. Dak.
134.	Nicodemus Naomi	7	Inf't	Korukonda		S. S., St. John's, E. Mauch Chunk, Pa.
135.	Boosi Mary Magdalene	13	V	Tallapudi		

NATIVE WORKERS SUPPORTED.

No.	Name.	Work.	District.	Supporters.
1.	Lankapalli Benjamin	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Woman's Missionary Society, Leechburg, Pa.
2.	Vungara Sreeramalu	Catechist	St. Paul's, Rajahmundry	Sunday-school, Ljunghed, Albert City, Iowa.
3.	Mangamani Jerusadasu	Evangelist	Dowlaishwaram	Young Ladies Society, Scottdale, Pa.
4.	Thota Samuel	Catechist	Samulkot	Swedish Church, Lindsborg, Kan.
5.	Mallepu William	Catechist	Dowlaishwaram	Swedish Church, Vilas, Kan.
6.	P. Salome	Bible Woman	Rajahmundry	Rev. and Mrs. Critchlow, Jamestown, N. Y.
7.	Magalapu Lazarus	Evangelist	Dowlaishwaram	Clara Fichthorn, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
8.	Vellagopalli Prakasem	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Luther League, Beaver Falls, Pa.
9.	Pidikala Gamaliel	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Ladies' Missionary Soc., Morrisburg, Ont.
10.	Godi Paradesi	Catechist	Bhimawaram	Sunday-school, First Church, Galesburg, Ill.
11.	Kandikatla Agnes	Bible Woman	Rajahmundry	First Church, Plattsville, Wis.
12.	Pilli James	Catechist	Rajahmundry	Luther League, Salem, Minneapolis, Minn.
13.	Chikkele Joseph	Catechist	Rajahmundry	Woman's H. & F. Missionary Society, Augustana Synod.
14.	Battini John	Evangelist	Dowlaishwaram	Wm. Benbow, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
15.	Kandavalli David	Teacher	Samulkot	Bible Class, Emmanuel Swedish, Chicago, Ill.
16.	Arulappu Anandappan	Teacher	Tallapudi	Grace, Lancaster, Pa.
17.	Pidikala Moses	Catechist	Bhimawaram	Emmanuel, Evanston, Ill.
18.	Nela Isaac	Catechist	Bhimawaram	Dorcas Society, Cannon Falls, Minn.
19.	Gidla Timothy	Teacher	Samulkot	Sunday-school, Swedish, Calumet, Mich.
20.	Matti Cornelius	Colporteur	Bhimawaram	Allentown Conference Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society.
21.	Pidikala Ezekiel	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Swedish Church, Stockholm, Wis.
22.	Vardanapu Jesudass	Teacher	Bhimawaram	
23.	Patteru Daniel	Teacher	Bhimawaram	St. Mark's, Williamsport, Pa.
24.	Alerti Lazarus	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Willing Workers, St. John's, Kittanning, Pa.
25.	Nanerti Mary	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Kansas Conference, Augustana Synod.
26.	Pidikala Caleb	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Young Men's Bible Class, Trinity, Buffalo.
27.	Kateru Jeremias	Evangelist	Dowlaishwaram	St. John's, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
28.	Rev. J. William	Pastor	Samulkot	Chicago Synod.
29.	Raya David	Evangelist	Samulkot	Sunday-school, Bethany, Lindsborg, Kan.
30.	Kurray Moses	Evangelist	Samulkot	Bible Class, Emmanuel, Swedish, Chicago.
31.	Raya Thomas	Evangelist	Dowlaishwaram	Sunday-school, Emmanuel, German, Philadelphia.
32.	Patti Aaron	Teacher	Tadepelligudem	Mrs. Hoffman, Trinity, Buffalo.
33.	J. Anna	Bible Woman	Dowlaishwaram	Mrs. and Miss Kate Sadtler, Baltimore, Md.
34.	Jerupolu John	Catechist	Samulkot	Ladies' Missionary Soc., Zion's, Rockford, Ill.
35.	Jatti Venkataswami	Evangelist	Samulkot	Bethany, Ishpeming, Mich.
36.	Patti Stephen	Teacher	Bhimawaram	A Member, Trinity, Lancaster, Pa.
37.	Pidikala Samson	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Luther League, St. Paul's, Uniontown, Pa.
38.	Bara Satyanandam	Teacher	Dowlaishwaram	Sunday-school, Trinity, New Haven, Conn.
39.	Nittla Philip	Catechist	Dowlaishwaram	Y. P. Society, Augustana, Minneapolis.
40.	Varapelli Prakasem	Evangelist	Samulkot	Y. P. Society, Augustana, Minneapolis.
41.	Jerruprolu Komarthi	Evangelist	Samulkot	Rev. A. W. Lindquist, Kansas City, Mo.
42.	Taluri Shadrach	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Class 57, Sunday-school, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
43.	Elerti Benjamin	Catechist	Bhimawaram	John Bergman, Funk, Neb.

NATIVE WORKERS SUPPORTED (Continued).

No.	Name.	Work.	District.	Supporters.
44.	Edhi James	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Ladies' Missionary Soc., St. Peter's, New York.
45.	Pidikala Barnabas	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Luther League. St. James', Portland, Oregon.
46.	Velagapalli Shantama	Bible Woman	Rajahmundry	Alma Swedish, Mead, Neb.
47.	Chodadasi Ratnama	Bible Woman	Rajahmundry	Swedish Church, Salemsburg, Kan.
48.	Dudala Isaac	Catechist	Bhimawaram	East Side Luther League, Bethany, Lindsborg, Kan.
49.	Manukonda Lazarus	Evangelist	Bhimawaram	Missionary Soc., Luther Academy, Wahoo, Neb.
50.	Velagapalli Alfred	Evangelist	Bhimawaram	Luther League, Burlington Dist., Iowa.
51.	Palaparti Nathaniel	Evangelist	Bhimawaram	Y. Peoples' Society, St. John's, Rochester, N. Y.
52.	Nittla Moses	Evangelist	Bhimawaram	Augustana S. S. Teachers' Association, W. Side Chicago
53.	Ella Job	Evangelist	Bhimawaram	Sunday-school, Swedish, Knoxville, Ill.
54.	Kandavalli Christian	Evangelist	Bhimawaram	
55.	Poturazu Mark	Evangelist	Bhimawaram	
56.	Chitturi Andrew	Evangelist	Bhimawaram	
57.	Boosi Albert	Evangelist	Tallapudi	
58.	Batta Devathanam	Evangelist	Samulkot	
59.	Nalli Thomas	Evangelist	Dowlaishwaram	
60.	Tuluri Solomon	Evangelist	Dowlaishwaram	Swedish Church, Chariton, Iowa.
61.	Pilli Lazarus	Catechist	Dowlaishwaram	Swede House Church, Neb.
62.	Polumati Lazarus	Evangelist	Dowlaishwaram	Busy Bee,Bethany, Lindsborg, Kan.
63.	Kandavalli Daniel	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Zion's, Newman Grove, Nebraska.
64.	Pidikala Nathaniel	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Luther League, Noxen, Pa.
65.	Chodadasi Daniel	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Luther League, St. Mark's, Minneapolis.
66.	Devabarikina Joseph	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Confirmation Soc., Emmanuel, Mankato, Minn.
67.	Pilli Samuel	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Dorcas Society, Swea City, Iowa.
68.	Namburi Prakasem	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Swedish Church, Sabylund, Minn.
69.	Kandi Katla Jonathan	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Emmanuel, Swedish, Omaha, Neb.
70.	Mayalabattulu Martin	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Rev. Behnke, Newburg, N. Y.
71.	Kandavalli Ratnama	Teacher	Samulkot	Augustana Foreign Mission So., Rock Island, Ill.
72.	Raya Razama	Teacher	Samulkot	Sunday-school, Bethany, Lindsborg, Kan.
73.	Manukonda John	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Mrs. M. E. Troutman, Butler, Pa.
74.	Balay Moses	Teacher	Bhimawaram	A member of Bethany, Lindsborg, Kan.
75.	Raya Jakobu	Teacher	Dowlaishwaram	Junior League, St. John's, Miamisburg, Ohio.
76.	Edla Samuel	Teacher	Dowlaishwaram	Senior Missionary Soc., Salem, Bethlehem, Pa.
77.	Nootampati Johan	Teacher	Samulkot	Rev. P. E. Baisler, Kenosha, Wis.
78.	Balla Anandam	Teacher	Dowlaishwaram	Woman's Missionary Soc., Janesville, Wis.
79.	Chodadasi Ratnama	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Amanda Westling, Chariton, Iowa.
80.	Karre Manikiam	Teacher	Samulkot	Anna Westling, Chariton, Iowa.
81.	Gammidi Alice	Teacher	Dowlaishwaram	Alma Clay, Chariton, Iowa.
82.	Chikkele Shantama	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Ella Nelson, Chariton, Iowa.
83.	Polopati Kurunama	Teacher	Dowlaishwaram	Mr. and Mrs. P. E. and Anna Johnson, Chariton, Iowa.
84.	Jelapati Eleonora	Teacher	Dowlaishwaram	English Bible Class, Chariton, Iowa.
85.	Ella Kantama	Teacher	Samulkot	Sunday-school, Swedish, Knoxville, Ill.
86.	Kurray Annama	Teacher	Samulkot	Mr. and Mrs. Axel Norman, Swedesburg, Iowa.

NATIVE WORKERS SUPPORTED (Continued).

No.	Name	Work	District	Supporter
87.	Nambala Paul	Teacher	Bhimawaram	A. G. Nelson, Wilcox, Saskatchewan, Can.
88.	Mogalapu Srinivasam	Teacher	Dowlaishwaram	Loyal Helpers, Wataga, Ill.
89.	Balla Lazarus	Teacher	Dowlaishwaram	St. Jacobus, German, Philadelphia.
90.	Balla Karuna	Teacher	Dowlaishwaram	Swedish Church, Cambridge, Minn.
91.	Ponuku Nathaniel	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Luther League, Seattle, Wash.
92.	Balla Cyrus	Teacher	Dowlaishwaram	Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Kline, Hamburg, Pa.
93.	Nittala Shantama	Teacher	Bhimawaram	Swedish Church, Vilas, Kan.
94.	Jatty Isaiah	Teacher	Samulkot	
95.	Potturaju Sabbarayudu	Teacher	Samulkot	
96.	Busa Elisha	Teacher	Samulkot	
97.	Motukury John	Teacher	Samulkot	
98.	Patta Bulliah	Teacher	Samulkot	
99.	Tuluri Cornelius	Teacher	Samulkot	
100.	Majam Lazarus	Teacher	Dowlaishwaram	
101.	Kallemu Johann	Teacher	Dowlaishwaram	
102.	Mailabattula Meschech	Teacher	Tanuku	

NOTE.—1. The amount fixed for the support of a Catechist is $50.00 a year; for an Evangelist, $35.00 a year; for a Teacher, $30.00 a year; for a Bible Woman, $30.00 a year; for a Colporteur, $20.00 a year.

2. The list published does not, of course, include all of our native workers, whose number is over 300. Only those assigned and a few additional names are published, the latter to indicate that those who wish to enter the list as supporters may get assignments.

STATISTICAL EXHIBIT FOR 1907-1908.

Serial No.	Town or Taluk or Field.	Membership at the close of 1906.				Additions during 1907 and 1908.						Losses during 1907 and 1908.						Net Increase or Decrease during 1907 and 1908.
						By Baptism.												
		Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	From Other Missions.	By Restoration.	Total Additions.	By Death.	By Backsliding.	Excommunication.	To Other Villages.	To Other Missions.	Total Losses.	
1	St. Paul's Ch., Rajahmundry	78	85	109	272	9	22	31	1	.....	32	20	1	.....	4	15	40	— 8
2	Bhimavaram Field	2326	2171	3058	7555	565	655	1220	.....	12	1232	157	6	4	19	.....	186	+ 1034
3	Korukonda Field	71	47	64	182	66	50	116	.....	.....	116	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	+ 111
4	Dowlaishwaram Town	152	124	108	384	26	25	51	.....	.....	51	10	.....	.....	5	6	21	+ 30
5	Dowlaishwaram Field	585	439	508	1532	149	66	215	.....	.....	215	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	47	+ 168
6	Samulkot Town	33	33	29	102	3	7	10	.....	.....	10	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	+ 8
7	Samulkot Field	270	261	289	820	17	125	142	.....	.....	142	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	+ 43
8	Tallapudi Field	332	304	740	1376	35	84	119	.....	.....	119	135	198	3	19	35	390	—†271
9	Tadepelligudem Field	299	248	560	1111	74	94	168	.....	2	170	42	.....	9	.....	7	58	+ 112
10	Jaggampet Field	.....	.....	.....	180	14	10	24	.....	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	+ 24
11	Boys' Central School	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	Girls' Central School	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	Zenana Work	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14	Medical Work	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	Hindu Girls' School	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	Training Institution for Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	Rajahmundry High School*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	Peddapur High School	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Totals	4146	3712	5465	13514	958	1138	2096	1	14	2111	422	205	16	47	63	753	+ 1251

*Abolished at the end of 1908.
†See Missionary Report.

STATISTICAL EXHIBIT FOR 1907-1908 (Continued).

Serial No.	Town or Taluk or Field.	Membership at the close of 1908.				Communicants.		Inquirers.	Sunday-schools.			Support of Mission Work.														
												Benevolence			Other Cash Receipts.			Kind.			Total.			Increase or decrease during 1907 and 1908		
		Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Communicants.	Increase or Decrease during 1907 and 1908.		No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Pupils.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
1	St. Paul's Ch., Rajahmundry	99	102	132	333	195	+ 39	30	1	20	322	830	11	10	.....	..	..	.....	..	..	830	11	10	.....	..	..
2	Bhimavaram Field	2531	2459	3611	8601	3930	+ 215	627	19	23	649	2334	13	8	3882	3	..	1418	3	9	7635	4	5	+ 1625	5	2
3	Korukonda Field	104	75	114	293	179	+ 66	100	4	4	65	89	9	9	416	8	..	.....	..	..	506	1	9	— 4	14	2
4	Dowlaishwaram Town	169	132	113	414	278	+ 102	55	....	....	....	387	14	6	268	7	..	54	..	..	720	5	6	+ 200	..	6
5	Dowlaishwaram Field	681	492	574	1747	1069	+ 144	600	....	....	....	491	2	3	1537	1	..	244	8	..	2272	11	3	+ 1418	14	2
6	Samulkot Town	38	36	36	110	70	+ 10	25	3	5	115	116	2	..	300	7	..	.....	..	..	416	9	..	+ 358	..	..
7	Samulkot Field	279	269	295	843	500	— 22	100	12	12	370	282	4	2	752	..	..	.....	..	..	1034	4	2	+ 209	11	11
8	Tallapudi Field	355	315	435	1105	670	—271	208	28	32	390	171	13	2	1382	11	..	40	..	..	1594	8	2	+ 874	8	..
9	Tadepelligudem Field	323	280	618	1221	550	+ 30	250	17	24	380	659	2	6	1062	..	..	110	..	..	1831	2	6	+ 705	14	4
10	Jaggampet Field	....	....	....	204	80	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	..	..	.....	..	..	.....	..	..	.....	..	..	.....	..	..
11	Boys' Central School	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	..	..	835	..	..	.....	..	..	835	..	..	.....	..	..
12	Girls' Central School	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	90	..	..	1801	..	..	.....	..	..	1891	..	..	.....	..	..
13	Zenana Work	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	..	..	.....	..	..	.....	..	..	.....	..	..	.....	..	..
14	Medical Work	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	2	7	....	.....	..	..	3556	4	10	.....	..	..	3556	4	10	.....	..	..
15	Hindu Girls' School	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	6	16	317	.....	..	..	499	..	..	.....	..	..	499	..	..	+ 14	..	..
16	Training Institute for Girls	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	..	..	.....	..	..	.....	..	..	.....	..	..	.....	..	..
17	Rajahmundry High School*	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	..	..	4798	..	..	.....	..	..	4798	..	..	.....	..	..
18	Peddapur High School	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	..	..	15131	11	9	.....	..	..	15131	11	9	.....	..	..
	Totals	4579	4160	5928	14871	7521	+ 315	1995	92	143	2608	5453	9	10	36022	5	9	1866	11	9	43341	5	6	+ 5401	7	11

STATISTICAL EXHIBIT FOR 1907-1908 (Continued).

Serial No.	Town or Taluk or Field.	Schools.									Buildings.					Marriages.	Workers.											Villages in which are Christians or Inquirers		Congregations.	
			Pupils.														Native.								Foreign							
			Christians.			Others.																										
		No. of Schools.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Grand Total.	Increase or Decrease during 1907-1908.	Bungalows.	Churches.	Prayer or School Houses.	Teachers' Houses.	Hospitals.		Pastors.	Catechists.	Evangelists.	B.&T. Colporteurs.	Bible Women.	School Teachers.	Total Native Workers.	Increase or Decrease, 1907-1908.	Ord'd Missionaries.	Lady Missionaries.	Wives Missionaries.	No. of Villages.	Increase or Decrease, 1907-1908.	No. Congregations.	Increase or Decrease, 1907-1908.
1	St. Paul's Ch., Rajahmundry	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	1	1	....	7	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	...	1	....	..	..	..	1	....	1	....
2	Bhimavaram Field	67	770	515	1285	358	253	611	1896	— 72	..	2	67	7	..	167	..	7	8	2	..	71	88	— 8	1	..	1	112	....	95	....
3	Korukonda Field	12	25	21	46	145	54	199	245	+ 63	..	..	10	4	..	4	1	2	1	..	..	11	15	....	..	..	..	28	+ 10	18	+ 7
4	Dowlaishwaram Town	2	29	34	63	39	12	51	114	— 22	1	1	2	4	..	5	..	1	2	1	1	4	9	+ 1	1	..	1	1	....	1	....
5	Dowlaishwaram Field	34	207	184	391	346	74	420	811	+ 40	..	2	34	12	..	19	..	..	11	..	..	31	44	+ 6	..	..	..	104	+ 26	92	+ 33
6	Samulkot Town	3	14	9	23	87	20	107	130	+ 3	1	1	3	3	..	2	1	1	1	..	1	2	6	....	1	..	1	1	....	1	....
7	Samulkot Field	12	60	50	110	245	100	345	455	— 97	..	..	15	11	..	....	..	..	3	..	4	14	21	....	..	..	..	40	—21	21	+ 3
8	Tallapudi Field	27	75	95	170	120	70	190	360	— 15	1	1	14	18	..	38	..	1	1	..	..	28	30	— 3	1	..	1	91	+ 4	22	....
9	Tadepelligudem Field	17	102	67	169	195	79	274	443	+ 48	1	2	11	2	..	33	..	..	7	..	..	22	29	+ 2	1	..	1	66	+ 2	27	+ 2
10	Jaggampet Field	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	55	.....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	3	..	..	4	7	....	1	..	1	22	....	....	....
11	Boys' Central School	1	140	....	140	9	...	9	149	.....	1	..	1	3	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	9	9	....	1	..	..	....	....	....	....
12	Girls' Central School	1	....	154	154	....	3	3	157	— 2	1	..	1	7	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	7	7	+ 2	..	1	..	....	....	....	....
13	Zenana Work	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	6	...	6	+ 1	..	1	..	....	....	....	....
14	Medical Work	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	..	..	....	..	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	...	....	....	..	3	..	....	....	....	....
15	Hindu Girls' School	6	....	11	11	....	256	256	267	+ 15	..	..	2	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	14	14	....	..	1	..	....	....	....	....
16	Training Institute for Girls	1	....	10	10	....	....	....	....	.....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	....
17	Rajahmundry High School*	1	54	....	54	85	...	85	139	.....	..	..	1	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	....
18	Peddapur High School	1	19	....	19	358	...	358	377	.....	..	..	1	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	24	24	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	....
	Totals	188	1495	1150	2645	1987	921	2908	5598	— 39	7	10	162	78	1	270	2	13	37	3	12	241	310	+ 41	7	6	6	466	+ 21	278	+ 45

APPENDIX

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE AMERICAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MISSION, GENERAL COUNCIL, IN INDIA.

APPROXIMATE VALUE OF BUNGALOWS AND SITES AND APPURTENANCES.

A Rupee is equal to 33 1-3 cents.

RIVERDALE.

Bungalow	Rs. 7000
Land	8000
Office building	300
Outhouses	300
Carpenter shop	300
Printing Office and B. S.	500
Two servants' houses	250
	16650

ZENANA HOME.

Bungalow	Rs. 6000
Outhouses	200
Horse stable	100
	6300

ST. PAUL'S BUNGALOW.

Bungalow	Rs. 7000
Land	7000
Outhouses	600
Catechist's house	400
Teacher's house	300
	15300

MEDICAL HOME.

Bungalow	Rs. 8000
Land	9000
Outhouses	300
	17300

LUTHERGIRI BUNGALOW.

Bungalow	Rs. 13940
Outhouses	500
Stable	200
	14640

SAMULKOT.

Bungalow	Rs. 8000
Land	1250
Outhouses	180
Stable	75
Catechist's house	400
	9905

TADEPALLIGUDEM.

Bungalow	Rs. 12000
Land	600
Outhouses	300
	12900

TALLAPUDI.

Bungalow	Rs. 4500
Land	400
Compound wall	400
Outhouses	100
Catechist's house	100
Mango Tope	200
	5700

GIRLS' CENTRAL SCHOOL.

Bungalow included in general estimate.	
Outhouses	Rs. 150
Stable	100
	250

BHIMAVARAM (temporary bungalow).

Bungalow	Rs. 1000
Land (14 acres)	2300
Lots in village	1100
	4400

DOWLAISHWARAM.

Bungalow	Rs. 15000
Site and outhouses	1500
Old bungolaw site	600
Catechist's and S. H.	400
Ch. Bldg. site	480
	17980

Iron Safe (Luthergiri)	Rs. 80
Iron Safe (Riverdale)	80
Iron Safe (Dowlaish.)	80
Rs.	240

Row of seven houses in Rajahmundry, each Rs. 250	1750
288 acres of land in Bhimavaram, at Rs. 75 per acre	21600
	23350

SCHEDULE OF LAND AND PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE A. E. L. M. IN INDIA.

BHIMAVARAM AND NARSAPUR HOUSES AND SITES.

Villages.	Land. Extent Acres	Cents	Approx. Value	Buildings. Description.	Approx Value
1. Agathapalem	4		Rs. 40	Thatch house	Rs. 75
2. Agathapalem	10		150	Tile	375
3. Anakodair G. G.*	50		150	2 Thatch	125
4. Annavaram	3		45	Tile	500
5. Adivikollu	6		40	No house.	
6. Undi Agraharam	1		10	Thatch	65
7. Aredu	6		40	Thatch	165

Schedule of Land and Property Belonging to the A. E. L. M. in India (Continued).

VILLAGES.	Land. Extent Acres	Cents	Approx. Value	Buildings. Description.	Approx Value
8. Bhimavaram		75	800	Tile	600
9. Bhimavaram				Thatch	75
10. Bhimavaram Malapalem		6	18	Thatch	20
11. Bandada		5	50	Thatch	50
12. Bandadapatta		2	25	Thatch	25
13. Balasamudi		3	20	No house.	
14. Balayapalem	No land			Thatch	15
15. Kamsalabethpudi	No land			Thatch	15
16. Chillukuru G. G.		6	60	Thatch	60
17. Chinnamiram		10	50	Thatch	50
18. Chinnapullair G. G.		5	50	Thatch	50
19. Dirrusamurru G. G.		2	20	Thatch	30
20. Ennamadura		3	25	No house.	
21. Gunnapudi G. G.		40	120	Tile	750
22. Gopavaram		3	30	No house.	
23. Garrakaparru G. G.		3	50	Thatch	60
24. Golokodor G. G.		3	30	Thatch	60
25. Gorlamudi		4	40	Thatch	200
26. Gutlapad G. G.		4	15	Thatch	35
27. Janalapalem		8	80	Thatch	50
28. Jaccacaram		5	50	Thatch	50
29. Kummadavalli G. G.		6	60	Thatch	50
30. Kovvada		3	30	Thatch	55
31. Kamarada G. G.	2	0	100	Thatch	60
32. Kala		5	50	No house.	
33. Kamatamadigudem		5	25	Thatch	20
34. Korrapad G. G.		4	40	Tile	400
35. Kopella G. G.		10	100	Thatch	70
36. Kamatalapilli		3	30	Thatch	30
37. Kapavaram		2	20	Thatch	20
38. Lakshmipalem		4	40	Thatch	50
39. Mogullu		4	40	Thatch	50
41. Mahadovapatnam		4	40	New tile	400
42. Myappa G. G.		6	20	No house.	
43. Namidigunta		3	50	Thatch	60
44. Narsimpuram		3	40	Thatch	55
46. Pamalaparru		3	20	No house.	
47. Pedamiram		5	50	New tile	500
48a. Palakodair		4	40	Thatch shed	25
48b. Pedagaravu		25	100	New Tile	500
49. Pennada		1	10	Thatch shed	14
50. Palkole		2	20	Thatch	25
51. Ramayagudem		2	20	Thatch	60
52. Rayalem G. G.		4	40	Thatch	60
53. Sagupad		3	50	New tile	300
54. Seesali G. G.		4	40	No house.	
55. Santoshpuram G. G.		10	40	2 Thatch	125
56. Srungaruksham		10	50	Thatch	40
57. Sandaparru G. G.		3	30	Thatch	100
58. Toleru		2	10	Thatch	45
59. Tader		3	30	Thatch	40
60. Tondurru	No land			Thatch	15
61. Vandrum G. G.		2	10	Thatch	65
62. Vendra		10	60	Thatch	70
63. Veeravasaram		12	96	Thatch	65
64. Vempad		3	50	Thatch	60
65. Vissakoder		10	50	No house.	
66. Vissakoder Malapalem		10	50	Thatch	60
67. Vuppuluru		5	50	Thatch	140
68. Vundurru		4	40	Thatch	70
69. Yendagandi		3	40	Thatch	50
70. Cherigudem		5	50	Thatch	50

Total value of school lands in the Bhimavaram and Narsapur taluks.....Rs. 3739
Total value of buildings 7299

Total value school property 11038

*G. G. signifies Government Grant.

Schedule of Land and Property Belonging to the A. E. L. M. in India (Continued).

TADEPALLIGUDEM SCHOOL HOUSES AND SITES.

VILLAGES.	Land. Extent Acres	Cents	Approx. Value	Buildings. Description.	Approx Value
1. Padala G. G.		12	Rs. 40	Thatch	Rs. 45
2. Malliswaram G. G.		24	80	Tile	440
3. Velpur	1	25	125	Tile chapel	500
Velpur	1	50	150		
4. Mallipudi G. G.		3	20	Thatch	30
5. Aryanapalem G. G.		5	30	Thatch	40
6. Penumantra		10	70	Tile	300
7. Batlamugutur G. G.		3	15	No house.	
8. Pollamur		12	40	Thatch	60
9. Unikili G. G.		8	40	Tile	160
Unikili	1	50	350		
10. Skinnerpuram G. G.		3	15	Thatch	25
11. Kondamur G. G.		3	30	Thatch	40
12. Kondayapalem G. G.		3	10	Shed	10
13. Gummampad, G. G.		5	30	Thatch	45
14. Boburazupalem		50	100	Tile	120
15. Menaveluru G. G.		12	50	Thatch	25
16. Palur G. G.		12	30	Thatch	75
17. Mupadipadu G. G.		3	10	No house.	
18. Kasipadu		6	36	Tile	40
Total value of school buildings in Tadepalligudem field					Rs. 1955
Total value of school sites in Tadepalligudem field					966
					Rs. 2921
Cultivated land belonging to Mission					500
					Rs. 3421

TALLIPUDI SCHOOL HOUSES AND SITES.

VILLAGES.	Land. Extent Acres	Cents	Approx. Value	Buildings. Description.	Approx Value
1. Peddahem		20	Rs. 50	Tile house	Rs. 250
2. Malakapalli		3	15	Thatch	60
3. Dommeru		10	20	Thatch	65
4. Kovur		10	20	Thatch	30
5. Penkelametta	1	0	50	Thatch	50
6. Kunkardimalli		2	10	Thatch	20
7. Kamsalapalem		15	32	2 Thatch	25
8. Madhavaram		10	30	Tile	200
9. Chinnayagudem		5	25	Thatch	80
10. Vadavalagunta		10	32	2 Thatch	22
11. Gopalore		5	10	Thatch	30
Jagganathapur G. G.		5	10	Tile	192
12. Achitapuram G. G.		10	20	Shed	4
13. Koyalagudem G. G.		10	20	Shed	5
14. Palavaram G. G.		10	20	Thatch	38
15. Gutala G. G.		10	20	2 Thatch	50
16. Pushvedala G. G.		10	20	Thatch	40
Total approximate value of school buildings					Rs. 1161
Total approximate value of land					404
					1565

SCHOOL HOUSE SITES AND BUILDINGS, KORUKONDA FIELD.

VILLAGES.	Land. Extent Acres	Cents	Approx. Value	Buildings. Description.	Approx. Value
1. Chinnakondepudi	120	60	Rs. 12	Thatch	Rs. 12
2. Gadala	1	0	45	No house.	
3. Gonagudem	1	0	45	Thatch	100.
4. Gazulapad				House and site	12
5. Kesavaram	30	30	22	Thatch	15
6. Kartair	330 sq. yards		12	Thatch	40
7. Mullakalanka	No land			Thatch shed	3
8. Munukudavalli	No land			Thatch shed	5
9. Nallakonda	No land			Thatch shed	4
10. Sriringapatnam			15	Thatch house	15
11. Torrodu	No land			Thatch shed	8
Approximate value of house sites in the Korukonda field					**Rs. 151**
Approximate value of school buildings					**212**
Total value of land and buildings					**363**

Schedule of Land and Property Belonging to the A. E. L. M. in India (Continued).

SCHOOL HOUSE SITES AND BUILDINGS, SAMULKOT FIELD.

VILLAGES.	Land. Extent Acres Cents	Approx. Value	Buildings. Description.	Approx Value
1. Peddapur G. G.	10x15 yds....	Rs. 80	2 Thatch	Rs. 105
2. Kota	10x 8 yds....	10	Thatch	30
3. Kathamur	12x 8 yds....	15	Thatch	80
4. Jaggampet	14x21 yds....	50	Thatch	100
5. Pratipad	10x16 yds....	16	Thatch	60
6. Omungy G. G.	10x16 yds....	16	2 Thatch	60
7. Pittapur	30x15 yds....	22	Thatch	80
8. Rajampet G. G.	40x20 yds....	30	Thatch	30
9. Goodaparty			2 Thatch	70
10. Errapalem		30		...
11. Addateegala	40x40 yds....			500
Bheemavaram G. G.	20x20 yds....	20	Thatch	15
Pulimaram			Thatch	15

Approximate value of house sites in the Samulkot field	Rs. 289
Approximate value of school houses in the Samulkot field	1145
Total approximate value of land and buildings, Samulkot field	1434

SCHOOL HOUSES AND SITES IN DOWLAISHWARAM FIELD.

VILLAGES.	Land. Extent Acres Cents	Approx. Value	Buildings. Description.	Approx Value
1. Vemagiri G. G.	25....	Rs. 50	Thatch	Rs. 110
2. Jagurapad G. G.	28....	180	Tile	2200
3. Muramanda G. G.	25....	190	Tile	1320
4. Aditi G. G.	80....	260	Tile	300
5. Artamur G. G.	15....	40	Thatch	80
6. Ramavaram G. G.	35....	120		200
7. Rayavaram G. G.	90....	140	Thatch	140
8. Balapur	20....	20	Thatch	65
9. Biccavole	24....	18	Thatch	120
10. Kesavaram	30....	32	Thatch	70
11. Dvarapudi G. G.	28....	50	Thatch	60
12. Dulla	48....	45	Thatch	120
13. Navapet G. G.	19....	25	Thatch	60
14. Kadalanka	26....	40	Thatch	60
15. Kapavaram	14....	12	No house.	
16. Peravarum G. G.	1 50....	200	Thatch	80
17. Boberlanka G. G.	30....	10	Tile	300
18. Atrapur G. G.	20....	45	Thatch	60
19. Lotta G. G.	20....	45	Thatch	50
20. Revula G. G.	30....	50	Thatch	75
21. Gopalpur G. G.	25....	25	Thatch	40
22. Polavaram G. G.	50....	80	Thatch	40
23. Vedareish G. G.	18....	10	Thatch	30
24. Putlanka G. G.	18....	15	Thatch	30
25. Kanzera G. G.	18....	15	Thatch	40
				Rs. 5650

CHURCH BUILDINGS.

St. Paul's (built by subscriptions in India)	Rs. 5000
Tallapudi	5000
Bhimavaram	10000
Lankapuram	3500
Samulkot	1320
Tadepalligudem	500
Dowlaishwaram	1200
	Rs. 26520

PRINTING OFFICE.

1 Hoe Demy Press	Rs. 1500
1 Platen press	150
1 Platen press	100
1 hand press	75
Type	1800
Paper cutter	75
Type cases	200
Galleys and miscellaneous	100
	4000

Schedule of Land and Property Belonging to the A. E. L. M. in India (Continued).

BOOK DEPOT.

Bibles, books, tracts, etc	Rs. 400
3 glass cases	70
1 glass show case	25
1 glass Almira	24
Miscellaneous	5
	524

BOYS' CENTRAL SCHOOL PROPERTY (Luthergiri).

Main building	Rs. 22600
Dormitory	17700
Land (38.33 acres)	4000
Teacher's house	800
	Rs. 45100

GIRLS' CENTRAL SCHOOL PROPERTY (Rajahmundry.)

Buildings (including compound wall)	Rs. 22000
Land (Government Grant)	3000
	Rs. 25000

HINDU GIRLS' SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Riverdale (on Riverdale bungalow site)	Rs. 500
Aryapuran	2300
Land	800
	Rs. 3600

HIGH SCHOOL PROPERTY.

PEDDAPUR.

Building	Rs. 4284
Land	600
Library	800
Science apparatus	800
Furniture	800
	Rs. 7284

RAJAHMUNDRY.

Building	Rs. 3000
Land (one acre)	6000
Library	400
Science apparatus	300
Furniture	300
2 Teacher's houses	1000
	Rs. 11000

LIST OF MISSION FURNITURE.

In Riverdale Bungalow (Mr. Harpster).

Description.	Value.
2 Wardrobes	Rs. 60
2 Chests of drawers	40
1 Book Case	28
1 Dining Table	30
1 Writing Table	45
1 Meat Safe	15
1 China Closet	17
	Rs. 235

In Luthergiri Bungalow (Mr. Kuder).

1 Writing Desk	Rs. 40
1 Writing Desk (in storage)	40
1 Book Case	50
1 Dining Table	20
1 Dressing Table	20
1 Meat Safe	15
	Rs. 185

In Luthergiri Bungalow (Mr. Wolters).

1 Desk	Rs. 52
1 Book Case	32
1 Wardrobe	34
1 Chest of drawers	24
1 Cupboard	28
	Rs 170

In the Medical Home (Drs. Woerner and Rohrer).

2 Wardrobes	Rs. 60
2 Chests of drawers	40
1 Side Table	10
1 Book Case	30
1 Dining Table	25
1 Writing Table	35
1 Meat Safe	15
	Rs. 215

In the Zanana Home (Miss Weiskotten).

1 Wardrobe	Rs. 30
1 Chest of Drawers	20
1 Desk	25
1 Book Case	18
1 Meat Safe	12
1 Dining Table	12
1 Writing Desk (left by Miss Swenson)	60
1 Chest of drawers (left by Miss Swenson)	25
	Rs. 202

In the Seminary Bungalow (Mr. Eckardt).

2 Wardrobes	Rs. 60
2 Chests of drawers	44
1 Book Case	30
1 Dining Table	30
1 Writing Desk	50
1 Meat Safe	15
1 Sideboard	35
	Rs. 264

In the Dowlaishwaram Bungalow (Mr. Arps).

1 Writing desk	Rs. 50
1 Book Case	30
1 Dining table	25
1 Sideboard	20
2 Wardrobes	60
2 Chests of drawers	40
1 Meat Safe	15
	Rs. 240

In Tallapudi Bungalow (Mr. Larson).

1 Book Case	Rs. 30
1 Writing Desk	50
2 Chests of drawers	40
2 Wardrobes	60
1 Dining Table	25
1 Meat Safe	15
1 Sideboard	20
	Rs. 240

List of Mission Furniture (Continued).

In the Samalkot Bungalow (Mr. Isaacson).

1 Writing desk	Rs. 50
1 Book Case	30
1 Dining Table	25
1 Sideboard	25
1 Meat Safe	15
2 Chests of drawers	40
2 Wardrobes	60
	Rs. 245

In the Tadepalligudem Bungalow (Mr. Neudoerffer).

1 Writing desk	Rs. 50
1 Book Case	30
1 Dining Table	25
1 Sideboard	25
1 Meat Safe	15
2 Chests of drawers	40
2 Wardrobes	60
	Rs. 245
Total value of furniture	Rs. 2241

HORSES AND VEHICLES.

Mr. Kuder.	
1 Horse	Rs. 300
Harness	25
Mr. Harpster.	
2 native ponies	150
1 saddle	40
Mr. Isaacson.	
1 Horse	300
Dr. Woerner.	
Horse and carriage	300
Mr. Arps.	
Horse	300
Dr. Rohrer.	
1 Rickshaw	50
Miss Swenson.	
1 Rickshaw	50
	Rs. 1515

BOATS.

"The Dove of Peace"	Rs. 300
"The Augustana"	2000
"The Marguerite"	2000
"The Canada"	500
	Rs. 4800

TENTS.

1 Cottage tent (Mr. Isaacson)	Rs. 300
1 Servant's tent (Mr. Isaacson)	32
1 Cottage tent (Mr. Larson)	200
	Rs. 532

SUMMARY.

Bungalows and appurtenances	Rs. 121565
Bhimavaram (Haas) lands	21600
School houses and sites	23471
Church buildings	26520
Boys' Central School Property (bungalow not included)	45100
Girls' Central School Property (bungalow included)	25000
Hindu Girls' School Property (Bungalow included)	3600
High School property and apparatus (Rajahmundry)	11000
High School property and apparatus (Peddapur)	7284
Row of houses in Rajahmundry	1750
Printing offices and furniture	4000
Book Depot, stock and furniture	524
Mission bungalow furniture	2241
Boats	4800
Tents	532
Horses and vehicles	1515
	Rs. 320502

By order of the Board,

EDWARD T. HORN, *President.*

With reference to the recommendation, the following action was taken:

The first resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

The second and third resolutions were adopted.

With reference to the Collect, it was on motion of Dr. Ohl

Resolved, That the Collect be referred to the Church Book Committee for formulation.

Under the fifth recommendation, on motion of the Rev. C. M. Jacobs it was

Resolved, That the words "under the conditions previously determined" be added.

Recommendation 6 was deferred until Saturday morning, and 7 and 8 were adopted. Pending the consideration of recommendation 9, the Council adjourned with the use of the Lord's Prayer.

FOURTH SESSION.

Saturday, September 11, 9 a. m.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. William L. Hunton, Ph.D., Literature Secretary, Philadelphia.

The report on the Second Part of the President's Report was considered. See the First Session.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT CONCLUDED.

The consideration of the Foreign Mission Report was resumed and Recommendation 9 was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Horn

Resolved, That from the Minutes of the General Council be omitted pages 52-66 and pages 71-110 of the Foreign Mission pamphlet, but that permission be granted to the Board to circulate this information.

Recommendation 6 concerning Women's Societies was called up, and adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of Dr. Horn, it was

Resolved, That the privileges of the floor having been granted to the Rev. Dr. Harpster, the presence of Miss Agnes I. Schade, our missionary in India, should also be noted, who by her successful, orderly and self-denying labors in our mission, has deserved the recognition of the Board and the Church.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Siebert it was

Resolved, That the Commissioners sent to India by authority of this Body, to enquire as to the state of our mission there, and who have so ably reported their findings, be now accorded the privileges of the floor, to give the General Council such additional information as would be of value to this Body.

Prof. Claude W. Foss, Ph.D., of Augustana College, Rock Island, and the Rev. C. Theodore Benze, D.D., the new President of Thiel College, Greenville, Pa., addressed the Council at length. Miss Schade made a few remarks. The presence of Mrs. Harpster was noted. It was a memorable hour.

Rev. Dr. Roth presented and the Council adopted the following report of a committee appointed by the Chair:

Resolved, That the General Council has heard with great pleasure and profit the addresses of our Commissioners, and of our returned missionaries whose presence at this Convention the Lord in His good providence has graciously permitted.

2. That the General Council records its sincere and deep appreciation of the faithful and efficient services of Prof. C. W. Foss, Ph.D., and the President, C. T. Benze, D.D., as its Commissioners to visit the India Foreign Mission Field.

3. That the General Council thanks God for His gracious providence in guarding the Visitors from this Body to our India mission during their journey thither, and in bringing them to their work again, in health and safety.

H. W. Roth,
E. Belfour,
F. A. Kaehler.

The Foreign Mission Report was then adopted as a whole.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Drach the following action was taken:

Whereas, The expansion and increase of the foreign mission work of the General Council urgently calls for a larger number of missionaries and a decided increase of contributions, and

Whereas, The German Synod of Iowa has in the past most generously supported the foreign mission work of the General Council,

Resolved, That the General Council most respectfully and earnestly petitions the German Synod of Iowa so to recommend the foreign mission work of the General Council to its pastors and people as to insure the increase of contributions, and, if deemed advisable, to furnish one or more missionaries for our foreign mission field.

The Report on the First Part of the President's Report was considered. See the First Session.

The Chair appointed the Committee to Nominate the Foreign Mission Board:

Rev. P. Peterson and Rev. W. J. Miller, D.D.

Report of Committee to Nominate the Foreign Mission Board. The Committee respectfully makes the following nominations: Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D., Rev. Reinhold C. G. Bielinski, Rev. Edward T. Horn, D.D., LL.D., Rev. Fritz Jacobson, D.D., and William F. Monroe, Samuel G. Seiple, M.D., James M. Snyder, P. A. Rydberg, Ph.D., R. N. O.

The Committee recommends that the Board be increased by one more member, and nominates the Rev. M. C. Ranseen, D.D., as the additional member.

W. J. Miller,
Peter Peterson.

In the Eighth Session the President appointed the Committee on Foreign Mission Rules called for by the 9th Recommendation of the Board.

Committee on Foreign Mission Rules.—Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., Alfred Appell, W. D. C. Keiter, Edw. T. Horn, D.D., L. G. Abrahamson, D.D., H. E. Jacobs, D.D., R. C. G. Bielinski, C. T. Benze, D.D., Mr. James M. Snyder, Mr. F. D. Bittner and Prof. C. W. Foss, Ph.D.

Concerning the Practical Functions of the General Council, Rev. E. Norelius, D.D., presented the following paper:

Whereas, The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America was, at its organization, designed to be a General Church Body, consisting of such District Synods as adopted and maintained its Principles of Faith and Church Polity; and whereas, it does appear that the General Council has nevertheless drifted more or less into the assumption of entering upon the functions of a District Synod, thereby not only inviting internal strife, but also deterring other Synods which otherwise would and could unite with it, but, fearing to lose their own identity, are standing aloof from it. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America this day reiterates its steadfast adherence to the Fundamental Principles of Faith and Church Polity adopted forty years ago.

2. That the General Council will maintain its Lutheran oecumenical character, and does not desire to enter upon the functions of a District Synod nor to do any special legislation for any of the District Synods.

3. That any Synod which professes with us the same Principles of Faith and Church Polity does not need to fear the loss of its own identity by uniting with the General Council.

This resolution was made the first order of the Fifth Session, at which time, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Belfour,

Resolved, That the resolutions offered by the Rev. Dr. Norelius in regard to the Practical Functions of the General Council be referred to a committee to report at the next Convention.

Committee: The Rev. Drs. H. E. Jacobs, L. A. Johnston, A. Spaeth, M. C. Ranseen, E. T. Horn, L. G. Abrahamson, G. W. Mechling and L. G. Almen.

Prof. C. W. Foss presented the following

REPORT ON THE LAYMEN'S MEETING.

At a meeting of the Lay Delegates of the General Council on September 10, 1909, at 4:30 p. m., the following resolutions were passed:

1. "WHEREAS, We feel that the present organization of the General Council is inefficient and inadequate, therefore,

Resolved, That we, the Lay Delegates in attendance upon the 32d convention of the General Council, petition that honorable body to appoint a committee of ten persons, five clerical and five lay, of which the President of the General Council shall be one, to take into consideration our present organization in conjunction with our present needs, and to report to the convention to be held in 1911 such a plan of Reorganization, if deemed advisable, as they believe will systematize and further the work and operations of the General Council."

2. "We, the Lay Delegates of the General Council of the Lutheran Church of North America, in meeting assembled, herewith respectfully present for the consideration of your honorable body the vital need for a broad, well-organized Laymen's Conference, through which the laymen of our Church may be aroused, enthused, and solidified, and through which there may be formulated a campaign of education that will result in stronger support and wider enlargement of the greater work of our Church. We further recommend and respectfully petition your honorable body to have appointed a committee of laymen from the various Synods, with the President of the General Council as chairman, to consider this matter and to have power to organize if they so desire."

3. "*Resolved,* That we recommend to the General Council the biennial appropriation of $5,000 to the General Council expense fund from the various Synods.

4. "That we heartily approve the recommendation of the Committee on the President's Report that a Jubilee Fund of $2,000,000 be raised, and we pledge the hearty support of the laymen."

D. M. SCHUEREN, *Secretary.*

This was made the Special Order after the resolution of Dr. Norelius, and was acted on at the Fifth Session.

Under item 1, on motion of Dr. Sandt,

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the Dr. Norelius resolution.

Item 2 was referred to a Committee: Dr. Edw. T. Horn, Prof. C. W. Foss, Ph.D., and Mr. C. A. Smith.

They subsequently presented and the Council adopted the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT.

We recommend that the word "Council" in the Second Resolution be changed to "Conference" in order to avoid misconstruction of the purpose of our Laymen.

2. And that the Synods composing this Body be requested to appoint a Committee of Laymen to meet under the presidency of the President of this Body, to consider the matter, and take such action as they deem proper, and to report at the next Convention of the General Council.

EDWARD T. HORN,
C. W. FOSS,
C. A. SMITH.

On motion of Mr. W. H. Hager, it was

Resolved, That the apportionment already ordered for the General Council treasury of $1250 per annum be rescinded, and that in harmony with the request of the laymen the sum be increased to $2,500 per annum.

The Report was then adopted as a whole.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Fry it was unanimously

Resolved, That the General Council most heartily approves of the earnestness and activity of the laymen as manifested in their meeting and resolutions.

Adjourned with the use of the Lord's Prayer.

FIFTH SESSION.

Monday, September 13, 9 a. m.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. Frank E. Jensen, General Secretary of the Chicago Theological Seminary.

The Minutes of the Third and Fourth Sessions were read and adopted.

Part 3 of the President's Report was acted on. See First Session.

Report of The Committee to Nominate the Porto Rico Board.—Rev. J. L. Smith, D.D., Rev. E. Belfour, D.D., Rev. W. J. Miller, D.D., Rev. A. F. Lundquist, Rev. Julius B. Hulteen, W. Warren Wattles, William Steinmeyer, J. S. Seamen, Sr., C. W. Fuhr.

M. C. Ranseen,
W. H. Hager.

Report adopted.

Dr. Weiskotten offered the

REPORT CONCERNING A GENERAL COUNCIL DAY AND OFFERING.

We heartily recommend that Synods encourage pastors and church councils to devote one day in the biennium to the General Council and its work, and that on that day the churches lift an offering for the General Council Expense Fund, which shall be sent to the Treasurer of the General Council through the treasurers of the respective Synods.

S. G. Weiskotten,
George J. Gongaware,
J. A. W. Kirsch.

The President appointed the following

Committee to Prepare Plans for the Two Million Dollar Fund.—Hon. Charles A. Schieren, Hon. Charles A. Smith, Mr. W. Warren Wattles, W. H. Hager, Jacob Dangler and N. N. Nelson.

Report of the Committee to Nominate Trustees.—For Two Years: E. Aug. Miller, Esq., W. F. Monroe, Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph.D. For Three Years: Hon. William H. Staake, Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D., W. H. Hager.

Your Committee would also suggest the propriety of a change in the election of Trustees. Under the present system the term of office of those who are elected for three years expires one year before the meeting of the General Council. In order to obviate this irregularity your Committee proposes, that, at the next convention of the General Council, four Trustees be elected for two years and five for four years. Thereafter the terms of each set to be for four years.

S. A. Ziegenfuss,
Jas. M. Snyder.

With reference to the proposed changes of Charter it was on motion of Dr. Spaeth.

Resolved, That these recommendations be referred to the Trustees with

instructions to have the Charter so changed as to carry out the recommendations.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

Dr. Roth's motion concerning the Commissioners adopted. See Third Session.

The presence of the Rev. A. F. Augustin, President of the Wisconsin District of the Iowa Synod, was announced.

The Rev. C. R. Tappert presented the

REPORT OF THE GERMAN HOME MISSION BOARD.

This glorious nation owes its growth and present greatness, under Divine Providence, chiefly to immigration. The Lutheran Church in this country owes its growth, yea its very existence, principally to missionary zeal and missionary effort. While we are justly proud of the commanding position our dear Church holds today among the many religious bodies of the land, and of its splendid achievements in literature, education, and other fields, it is impossible to overlook the fact, that it is Missions—*Home Missions,* from which, as from a root, this magnificent tree, with its mighty branches, extending far out even to distant heathen countries, and with its verdant leaves and wholesome fruits, has grown; and it is manifest that to neglect this root, to allow it to waste and decay, would mean not only to check the further development of our Church, but perhaps to sap its very life. We admire the accomplishments of our eminent professors, editors, organizers and leaders, but let us not fail duly to appreciate also the self-denial, the untiring zeal, the enterprise, the patient and unostentatious plodding and toiling of our missionaries, and while they are laboring under many discouraging difficulties and disappointments, patiently bearing the burden and heat of the day, let us faithfully strive to support them, not only with our prayers, not only with our contributions to their salary, but with whatever kind of assistance the peculiar nature of their work may call for.

IMPORTANCE OF HOME MISSION WORK RECOGNIZED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

This venerable body has recognized the importance of Home Mission work, and, not satisfied with merely showing a benevolent interest in the reports of successful efforts made by the various Synods in this field of action, it has created special Boards, to look after the lost and strayed sheep of our Lutheran fold, which, on account of their isolation, individual initiative, and the organized efforts of our various Synods, found it difficult or impossible to reach. For twenty-eight years the German Home Mission Board has been engaged in the execution of this task, although it must be admitted that the work has always been carried on upon a much smaller scale than the crying needs would demand and the splendid opportunities would have justified.

OUR PREDICAMENT.

It is well to apprehend the fact that the work of German Home Missions is by no means a completed work. It might rather be said that it has not yet been fully started. Without any fault of the men that have been so faithful and untiring in the work, it is still carried on without a clear, definite plan of action; through no fault of the Board, for even the genius of a Moltke would have failed to plan a successful campaign with nothing but the hopeful expectation, that officers and men would arrive somehow, at some time, from somewhere. Even though we have been first in the field, even though we cannot doubt that God has called us to the task, even though the door is still open, and the invitation to enter urgent, all efforts of the Board must fail, and the untiring zeal and faithful labor of our missionaries come to naught—as far as the General Council is concerned—unless a Seminary is provided, to supply the men that we require in the field. The need of such an institution was recognized long ago, and is felt more keenly every year.

NEW MISSIONARIES.

We are very thankful that we have been able to send nine new men into the field during the two years past, four to self-supporting parishes, and five to missions assisted by the Board. One of these, however, stayed only three months, and another returned to Germany after nearly a year's work. Of the remaining men, one, Rev. Philippus Pascha, a native Persian, but possessing perfect command of the German language, came from the mission seminary at Hermannsburg, and was recommended to us by Dr. Kunzmann. Another one, Rev. Gottfried Lehmann, graduated from the universities of Griefswald and Leipzig, but had been professor of languages at different American colleges for a number of years. Five came from the Theological Seminary at Kropp. One of these, Rev. Philipp Peter, had been a missionary in Brazil for about 7 years; another, Rev. H. Harms, was assistant pastor in Alsace-Lorraine previous to his coming into our service. But it must be attributed to our good fortune rather than to any wise planning and management, that we gained such a goodly band of helpers, and all our efforts to increase their number sufficiently to supply all vacancies have been in vain.

VACANCIES AND EXTENSION OF WORK.

Three parishes, with about a dozen congregations, are at present unsupplied. Some of them have been without a regular pastor for more than a year, others were vacant for months before they could be provided with a minister. One of our oldest missionaries, Rev. W. Willing, left us, joining the Ohio Synod, and we were obliged to abandon his field in British Columbia, as we had nobody to send. Another one of our missionaries, Rev. Philippus Pascha, asks to be relieved of his charge, as the climate does not agree with him. At our request, he is remaining, however, faithful to his duty, although constantly ailing. A third one, Rev. Fr. Roehle, has resigned. His parish is self-sustaining, but the good people look to

your Board for a successor. Other losses may be expected. Under these circumstances an extension of our work is almost out of the question. It is sometimes extremely difficult for us to barely hold our own.

ATTEMPTS AT RELIEVING THE DIFFICULTY.

As there are already two propositions before this convention for removing this obstacle in the way of missionary success, one coming from the Manitoba Synod, the other from the General German Conference, your Board refrains from proffering any suggestions, as to how a more regular supply of ministers could be obtained.

OUR FIELD MISSIONARY.

To relieve the strained situation it became an urgent necessity to call an efficient field missionary, whose chief duty it should be to look after and temporarily supply vacant congregations. We were very fortunate in securing the services of the Rev. M. Ruccius, a man eminently fitted for this office. He possesses a good education, is endowed with splendid gifts, enjoys the necessary buoyancy, has ample experience, and is fully at home in the customs and manners of the German settlers in that territory. His brethren have shown their confidence in him by electing him to the presidency of his Synod for the third time. Thus one person holds both the offices of a field missionary, or mission superintendent, and president of the Synod, evidently an ideal combination.

OUR BENEFICIARIES.

A further step towards the relieving of our difficulties was taken by your Board, when it granted pecuniary aid to students at the Theological Seminary of Kropp. Alexander Leonhardi and Eugen Herzog, both of the class graduating in 1910, are the beneficiaries. They have signed a formal pledge to enter the service of our mission field. The Board also for a while aided a student at the theological seminary in Dubuque, Ia., but the somewhat strange conduct of our beneficiary before and during vacation made it appear the wiser course to discontinue this allowance at once, rather than spend more money in a doubtful venture. The frankness and courtesy of the faculty of the said Seminary has been very gratifying to your Board.

CHANGES AND PROGRESS.

The parish of Neudorf, Sask., has been divided, the town church forming one parish, and the country church, together with Pheasant Forks, the other. Both are self-sustaining, as is also Edenwald. Consequently they no longer appear in our table of statistics. Rev. F. Pempeit's large parish had to be divided. Rev. H. Walbaum took charge of Stony Hill and Silver Grove, and Rev. Julius Naegler, of Gartenland-Lanigan, while Rev. F. Pempeit retains Rosthern and Aberdeen. Rev. H. R. Hauptmann suffered a nervous breakdown, and retired to Hirzel, a small preaching station, while

Rev. M. Richter took charge of Rosemont (Beaver Hills), and Robert. Rev. G. Runge, who had been an invalid for a number of years, was committed to an insane asylum. By the efforts of Rev. Ruccius, President of the Manitoba Synod, a handsome fund was raised for the support of the afflicted family.

FAITHFUL SERVICE OF MISSIONARIES.

All our missionaries have been faithful in their service. Although overburdened with work, and greatly underpaid, they are full of enthusiasm. They see the fields already white to harvest, and look forward with great expectations. Here at least Napoleon's famous words, "An army crawls on its stomach," does not come true; faith, hope and love lend wings to these noble soldiers of the cross. Poverty and want do not hinder their flight. Thus "High thinking and plain living" is still practiced in our missionaries' homes.

BUILDING ACTIVITIES AND BUILDING FUND.

Three churches and one schoolhouse have been dedicated during the two years past, and four congregations, now planning the erection of churches, have applied for loans from our Church Building Fund. As the rate of interest is very high in the western provinces of Canada, ranging from 9 to 11 per cent., a substantial loan, granted without interest, would be a great help to struggling congregations. Our Building Fund should therefore be kindly remembered by the friends of our German Home Mission Work.

ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

Only unimportant changes have taken place in our mission field on the Pacific coast. The Rev. M. Market was called to Medford, Ore. His former charge, at Anaheim, Cal., has been visited occasionally by Rev. E. Meyer, of San Jose, but it is altogether too far distant,—about 500 miles,—to be properly cared for by him. A neat little church and parsonage valued at $7,000 were dedicated at San Jose. The brethren in California, Oregon and Washington regret to see so many fair opportunities lost. They want field missionaries to look after the scattered German settlements. They pray with yonder man from Macedonia, "Come over and help us," but we have not been able to comply with their request. Even if we had the men needed, we would still lack the necessary funds to send and support them.

SILOAH.

Siloah has continued to make its regular calls in the homes of our friends. It is our only agent. Without it we would have no way of reaching and interesting our people. It is published monthly in 4700 copies. The receipts from subscriptions have about covered the expenses.

THE BOARD.

The members of your Board have worked together harmoniously. The president, being a novice in the work, had frequent occasion to profit by

the counsel of the brethren who during their long service had gained a good store of experience. It has been found so very expedient to have the Canada Synod represented on the Board, that we would suggest the advisability of supplementing this Board by an equal representation of the Pittsburgh Synod.

LOSS BY DEATH.

We lament the loss of one of our most earnest and intelligent co-workers, Mr. Gustav Speckel, who died at Augustine, Florida, on the 6th of April, 1909. He had always been very active, sacrificing much time and money in the interests of our work.

OUR FRIENDS.

We are grateful for the liberal assistance we have received from our Synods. We would, however, respectfully call the attention of the Church to our enlarged and ever-increasing obligations. Our field missionary has no other income, than the salary he receives from the Board, as his traveling expenses will probably consume most, if not all of the receipts that may be expected from the missions he serves. Besides, we should, by all means, have a Conference-Vicar for the province of Manitoba, and the number of our beneficiaries should possibly be increased.

CONCLUSION.

Let us, therefore, not grow weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have, therefore, opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Respectfully submitted in the name of the Board.

C. Reinhold Tappert, *Chairman.*

SUMMARY.

Brief summary of the report of the German Home Mission Board, indicating the items which require action.

1. The difficulties of the German Home Mission Board in securing men to supply the vacancies and carry on the work should be considered in connection with the report of the General German Conference and the Manitoba Synod.

2. The Board begs that the German Home Mission work be recommended to our Synods for further support. It might be advisable to apportion the amounts needed to our different Synods.

C. R. Tappert.

II. Supported by the Board of German Home Missions.

I. IN CONNECTION WITH THE PACIFIC SYNOD.

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars	Church Property. Ch.	Church Property. Par.	Value of Property.
Camas, Wash.	.....	C. F. Boehner	20	....	.....		.....
Hockinson, Wash.	.....	C. F. Boehner	15	....	.....		.....
Ridgefield, Wash.	.....	C. F. Boehner	.....	....	.....		.....
Marksburg, Ore.	Christus	B. Merz	89	....	Ch. & Par.....		$ 2,600
New Era, Ore.	St. Paul's	B. Merz	30	....	Ch. & Cem.....		.....
Meridian, Ore.	St. Johannis	B. Merz	11	....	.....		.....
Needy, Ore.	.....	B. Merz	37	....	.....		.....
Medford, Wash.	.....	M. Markert	34	....	Ch. & Par.....		2,200
Grant's Pass, Ore.	.....	M. Markert	10	....	.....		.....
Butte Creek, Ore.	.....	M. Markert	.....	....	.....		.....
Jacksonville, Ore.	.....	M. Markert	.....	....	.....		.....
Central Point, Ore.	.....	M. Markert	.....	....	.....		.....
Oregon City, Ore.	Zion's	W. R. Kraxberger	95	....	Ch. & Par.....		2,800
Eugene, Ore.	.....	W. R. Kraxberger	18	....	.....		.....
San Jose, Cal.	Bethel's	Emil Meyer	71	....	Ch. & Par.....		9,500

II. IN CONNECTION WITH THE SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND OTHER PROVINCES.

Beausejour, Man.	Zion's	F. J. Fuerst	98	....	Ch., Par., Sch., & Cem.		2,800
Green Bay, Man.	St. Paul's	F. J. Fuerst	72	....	Cemetery		.....
Thalberg, Man.	Dreieinigkeits.....	F. J. Fuerst	70	....	Cemetery		.....
Grunwald, Man.	.....	F. J. Fuerst	50	....	Cemetery		.....
Golden Bay, Man.	.....	F. J. Fuerst	15	....	Cemetery		.....
Queen's Valley, Man.	.....	F. J. Fuerst	12	....	Cemetery		.....
Gretna, Man.	St. Paul's	P. Bähnisch	80	....	Ch. & Par.....		4,000
Rosenfeld, Man.	St. Johannis	P. Bähnisch	62	....	Church		1,200
Morris, Man.	St. Petri	P. Bähnisch	27	....	Church		3,000
Friedensthal, Man.	Zion's	H. Becker	151	....	Ch. Par. & Cem.		1,900
Greenridge, Man.	.....	H. Becker	54	....	Ch. & Cem.....		150
Overstone Man.	.....	H. Becker	39	....	Cemetery		.....
Niverville, Man.	.....	H. Becker	51	....	Ch. & Cem.....		800
Charliette, Man.	.....	H. Becker	10	....	.....		.....
Russell, Man.	Bethanien	A. Lilge	80	....	.....		.....
Wheatwyn, Sask.	Zion's	P. Tourney	36	....	Ch. & Cem.....		1,300
Fairy Hill, Sask.	Christus	P. Tourney	26	....	Cemetery		.....
Butterton-Last Mountain....	St. Paul's	P. Tourney	55	....	Cemetery		.....
Rosthern, Sask.	Christus	F. Pempeit	105	....	Ch. Par. & Cem.		3,000
Aberdeen, Sask.	.....	F. Pempeit	42	....	Cemetery		.....
Stony Hill, Sask.	St. Johannis	H. Walbaum	54	....	Cemetery		.....
Silver Grove, Sask.	St. Paulus	H. Walbaum	16	....	.....		.....
Gartenland-Laningan, Sask..	.....	Jul. Naegler	50	....	Church		.....
Hirzel (Goodeve), Sask.....	St. Petrus	H. R. Hauptmann.	30	....	Church		.....
Rosemount, Sask.	St. Johannis	M. Richter	58	....	Ch. & Cem.....		.....
Robert (Beaver Hills), Sask.	.....	M. Richter	.....	....	.....		.....
Strathcona, Alta.	Dreieinigkeits.....	Th. Hartig	163	....	Ch. & Par.....		8,000
Hillsdale, Alta.	.....	Th. Hartig	15	....	.....		.....
Edmonton, Alta.	St. Johannis	H. Harms	139	....	Ch. & Lot		4,000
Lutherport (Ellerslie), Alta.	St. Paulus	Ph. Pascha	229	....	Ch. Par., 2 Cem.		3,500
Wetaskiwin, Alta.	St. Johannis	Vacant	142	....	Ch. Par. & Cem.		2,000
Waldheim, Alta.	.....	Vacant	.....	....	.....		.....
Red Deer Lake, Alta.	St. Petri	F. Bredlow	85	....	Ch. & Cem.....		1,400
New Norway, Alta.	.....	F. Bredlow	24	....	.....		.....
Battle River, Alta.	.....	F. Bredlow	5	....	.....		.....
New Sarepta, Alta.	.....	F. Bredlow	35	....	Cemetery		.....
Heimthal, Alta	St. Johannis	*Vacant	35	....	Ch. & Cem.....		400
Gnadenthal, Alta.	Gnaden	Vacant	40	....	Ch. & Cem.....		800
Otoskwan, Alta.	St. Petri	Vacant	35	....	Ch. & Cem.....		700
Hay Lake, Alta.	.....	Vacant	40	....	Cemetery		.....
E. Ledue, Alta.	.....	Vacant	35	....	.....		.....
Olds, Alta.	.....	Field Miss. tem....	.....	....	Church		.....
Sunny Hope, Alta.	.....	M. Raccius	.....	....	.....		.....
Josephslake, Alta.	.....	M. Raccius	.....	....	.....		.....
Edenwald, Sask.	.....	M. Raccius	.....	....	Church		.....
Kroman, Sask.	.....	M. Raccius	.....	....	.....		.....
Davin, Sask.	.....	M. Raccius	.....	....			
Langenburg, Sask.	.....	.....	.....	....	Church		.....
Dresden, N. Dakota	St. Johannis	Theo. Hempel	90	....	Ch. & Par.....		1,500

III. IN CONNECTION WITH THE MINISTERIUM OF NEW YORK.

Ottenheim, Ky.	Immanuel's	C. J. Mehrtens....	90	....	Ch., Par., Sch. & Cem.		1,650
66 missions.	.....	22 missionaries	2975	....	30 Ch. Build.		$60,400

*Temporarily served by Field Missionary and neighboring pastors.

The Report was adopted as a whole, including the two items in the Summary.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Benze,

Resolved, That the apportionment in the Budget Committee's report of $9,000 for German Home Missions be reconsidered, and that the amount be made $10,000.

Rev. C. R. Tappert presented and the Council adopted the audited

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of German Home Missions of the General Council of the Ev. Lutheran Church in North America, From September 7, 1907, to September 1, 1909.

I. MISSION ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Balance in Treasury September 7, 1907			$800 82
Ministerium of Pennsylvania		$5,915 40	
Ministerium of New York		1,886 32	
Canada Synod		642 72	
Pittsburgh Synod		331 65	
Pacific Synod		84 65	
Manitoba Synod		43 60	
Mission Congregations in Canada	$360 62		
Mission Congregations in Oregon	112 30		
Mission Congregations in North Dakota	18 40		
Mission Congregations in Kentucky	8 65		
Mission Congregations in Washington	6 60		
		506 67	
Legacy from estate of Mrs. Anna Moeller, deceased		100 00	
Return of a loan in North Winnipeg		100 00	
Other Congregations		515 87	
Interest from bank		53 05	
			$10,179 83
Total			$10,980 65

Disbursements.

Missionaries' Salaries in Canada	$5,832 69	
Missionaries' Salaries in Oregon	1,262 50	
Missionaries' Salaries in California	350 00	
Missionaries' Salaries in North Dakota	262 50	
Missionaries' Salaries in Washington	210 00	
Missionaries' Salaries in Kentucky	175 00	
		$8,092 69

Traveling Expenses of Missionaries	$697 48	
Traveling Expenses of Members of the Board	238 51	
		$935 99
Special Appropriations to Missionaries		385 00
Aid Extended to Students		342 73
Printing, Postage, Telegrams, etc.		83 38
Total		$9,839 79
Balance in Mission Account, Sept. 1, 1909		1,140 86
		$10,980 65

II. CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

Receipts.

Balance in Treasury, Sept. 7, 1907	$ 13 72
Return of Loan from I. Ev. Luth Church of Elmwood (Louise Bridge), Manitoba	800 00
Total	$813 72

No Disbursements.

Amount in Church Building Fund, Sept. 1, 1909	$813 72

III. SILOAH ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Subscriptions	$1,176 44	
Donations	110 86	
Total		$1,287 30

Disbursements.

Deficit in treasury, Sept. 7, 1907	$ 166 14	
Printing and Mailing	1,071 70	
Cut	2 00	
Total		$1,073 70
Total		$1,239 84
Balance in Siloah Account, Sept. 1, 1909		47 46
		$1,287 30

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. E. SIEBOTT, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 1, 1909.

Report of Auditing Committee.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Sept, 4, 1909.

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, and found the same correct.

WM. P. M. BRAUN.

FRED. C. HASSOLD.

The President appointed the

Committee to Nominate the German Home Mission Board: The Revs. E. C. J. Kraeling, E. Hoffmann, C. G. Fischer, J. A. W. Kirsch, M. Ruccius, G. C. F. Haas, D.D., Messrs. A. Grulich and A. Leib.

Report of Committee to Nominate the German Home Mission Board.—Rev. C. R. Tappert, Rev. J. J. Kuendig, D.D., Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling, Rev. E. Hoffmann, Rev. G. A. Benze, Rev. H. D. E. Siebott, Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D., Rev. J. Nicum, D.D., Rev. H. R. Erdman, Martin Wulff, Wm. P. M. Braun, Frederick Kracke, Ernest C. Munck, Geo. F. Anger, J. G. Dangler.

Rev. Dr. Berkemeier presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GERMAN CONFERENCES.

Your Committee on the German Conference respectfully submits the following report:

After very careful consideration of all the questions vital and pressing concerning the German interests of the General Council, and after having devised a definite plan for a general presentation and discussion of such matters, your Committee issued an invitation to all the German pastors connected with our General Council to attend a General Conference at Rochester, N. Y., Zion's Lutheran Church, Rev. E. Heyd, on the 9th and 10th of September, 1908. The Conference had on its roll 78 pastors from different parts of the General Council, including the President of the Council. The sessions were opened with a service, at which the Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth preached the sermon.

Four papers were read before the Conference, treating on the different questions most important to the German interests, and culminating in a series of definite recommendations. The first paper was on the necessity of establishing a German official organ of the General Council by Rev. Dr. G. C. Berkemeier. The following recommendation was unanimously adopted by the Conference on this subject:

Resolved, That we urgently recommend to the General Council the immediate establishment of a German official organ.

The second paper submitted was on the work of Wagner College, Rochester, N. Y., by Rev, H. D. Kraeling, the Director of that institution. The third paper was presented by Dr. A. Spaeth, rehearsing transactions of the General Council in matters regarding the Theological Institution in Kropp, Germany. Rev. Dr. H. Offermann followed with a paper in regard to proposed future relations of the General Council to the institution in Kropp.

After a thorough consideration and discussion the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, 1. That we recommend to the General Council to establish, if possible, an official relation with the Theological Seminary in Kropp, with the understanding, that the students of the institution in Kropp after finishing their theological course in Kropp, spend one more year at our

Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, in order to attend a special course for the practical preparation for their American pastorate, unless otherwise decided by the Standing Commission of the General Council.

Resolved, 2. That we recommend to the General Council to establish a Standing Commission, whose duty it shall be to transact all business with the Theological Seminary at Kropp and to act as agent in all cases between Kropp and the General Council.

Resolved, 3. That in the event of such an agreement on the part of the General Council with Kropp, we expect that the Theological Seminary in Kropp will formally accept the "Fundamental Articles of Faith and Church Polity" of the General Council and obligate itself to conduct its institution in harmony with these articles.

Resolved, 4. That the appointment and retention of all the instructors of the Theological Seminary in Kropp shall only be valid by the approval of the above Commission.

Resolved, 5. That it be made the duty of the Standing Commission to collect monies for the Theological Seminary in Kropp and that all monies contributed from different parts of the General Council for Kropp, go into the hands of this Commission, which shall be required to submit an account to the General Council.

Resolved, 6. That all candidates, who may come over to us, remain under the supervision of the Standing Commission of the General Council until their installation into ministerial office.

We recommend that the following constitute the Commission to transact business between the General Council and Kropp:

The President of the General Council.
Three members of the German Home Mission Board.
One member of the Philadelphia Seminary Faculty.
One member of the New York Ministerium.
One member of the Pennsylvania Ministerium.
One member of the Canada Synod.
One member of the Pittsburgh Synod.
One member of the Manitoba Synod.

We recommend that $5,000 be raised by apportionment between the New York Ministerium, the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, the Pittsburgh Synod, the Canada Synod, and such sums from the German Home Mission Board as such Board would find it possible to contribute.

Resolved, That this Commission be instructed to enter into communication with Kropp and the Faculty of the Philadelphia Seminary and submit and carry out a plan of action which will embody the above resolutions.

Resolved, That the Commission present a complete report of all its actions for ratification to the next General Council.

In concluding its report to the General Council your Committee on German Conferences would offer the following recommendations:

1. That the General Council heartily approves of the work of the German Conference as far as reported.

2. That the General Council hereby empowers the Committee to call fur-

ther meetings of the German Conference as it may be necessary during the coming two years.

GERMAN OFFICIAL PAPER.

Resolved, 1. That we instruct the General Council Publication Board to issue a German General Council weekly to represent the German interests of the General Council, after the same manner as "The Lutheran" represents the English interests; said paper to be published as soon as the majority of the subscription lists of the various Synodical and individual papers are turned over to the Publication Board.

2. That the subscription price be fixed at $1.50.

3. That the General Council in this great effort to further the German interests of our body expects and earnestly requests every Synod that contains a German membership to draw favorable attention to this new enterprise and to adopt such measures as it may find practical to secure for it a large subscription list.

4. That the paper be conducted as a loyal advocate of the General Council, firmly, fearlessly and hopefully to maintain and further the principles and the work of the General Council.

5. That each of the Synods be properly represented in the editorial and news columns.

6. That a committee be appointed to nominate an editor and associate editors at this meeting of the Council.

7. That the further carrying out of the project be put into the hands of the Committee on German Conferences, until the next meeting of the General Council.

8. That not less than $500 per annum be paid by the Publication Board for two years for departmental work, news gathering, and other necessary office expenses.

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS.

Inasmuch as the German Conference has felt that one of the chief works of importance to be fostered among the German brethren for the future welfare of the whole General Council, is the work of education, we present the following recommendations:

Resolved, 1. That we recognize with gratitude that Wagner College of Rochester, New York, has faithfully and successfully served the interests of the General Council for a quarter of a century, that many of the most valuable workers of the General Council are to be numbered among its graduates, and that we heartily commend this institution to the pastors and people of our General Council and trust that Divine Providence will cause it to flourish even more fruitfully in coming days than in the past twenty-five years.

2. That we recognize the need of securing more abundant material for the Manitoba field, and, if possible, from that territory.

3. That we request the pastors of the Manitoba Synod to seek out such young men as may be well qualified and willing to study for the Lutheran Ministry.

4. That we do not see our way clear because of the comparative meager resources of the Church in Manitoba, to establish a Theological Seminary in that field at the present time, and that we recommend that all available

material in Manitoba be sent to institutions of the General Council already existing, for preparation for the ministry, and that when the Manitoba Synod reports a number of candidates as ready to enter our Theological School, the German Home Mission Board be charged with the duty of devising ways and means for the payment of a part of the expenses of these young men.

THE COMMITTEE.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 13, 1909. G. C. BERKEMEIER, *Secretary.*

Members of Committee: Dr. A. Spaeth, President; G. C. Berkemeier, Secretary; Dr. H. Offermann, Dr. J. Nicum, Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling, G. A. Benze, F. Veit.

The report, excepting the portion pertaining to Kropp, was adopted. That part was referred back to the Committee, which reported at the Sixth Session. Their report is incorporated above.

On motion of Dr. Spaeth it was

Resolved, That the words "And the Faculty of the Philadelphia Theological Seminary' be added to the instructions of the Commission.

The Report was then unanimously adopted as a whole.

The President appointed the Committee to Nominate the German editor: The Revs. G. C. F. Haas, D.D., G. A. Benze, E. Hoffmann, E. C. J. Kraeling, F. P. Mayser, M. Ruccius, C. R. Tappert and J. C. Kunzmann, D.D.

Rev. Dr. Haas presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE THE GERMAN EDITORIAL STAFF.

Your Committee to Nominate the Editorial Staff of the German organ of the General Council nominates the Rev. Dr. G. C. Berkemeier as Editor-in-Chief, and Revs. A. Hellwege (Dr. H. Offermann was subsequently elected in Rev. Hellwege's place), H. Rembe, H. O. Erdmann and M. Ruccius, as Assistant Editors.

We further recommend that the Editorial Staff be empowered to fill any vacancy that may be caused during the next two years by resignation or for any other reason.

G. C. F. HAAS, G. A. BENZE,
E. C. J. KRAELING, E. HOFFMANN,
F. P. MAYSER, M. RUCCIUS,
J. C. KUNZMANN, C. R. TAPPERT.

The Report was adopted

The Rev. Dr. Ramer presented the Slav Report and the audited Report of the Treasurer. Both were adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SLAV MISSIONS.

ALLENTOWN, PA., Aug. 23, 1909.

The Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., Secretary of the General Council:

This is to certify that the Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D., Superintendent of

the Slav Mission Board, has been authorized to represent the said Board at the Thirty-second Convention of the General Council, to be held at Salem Church, Minneapolis, Minn., beginning Thursday, Sept. 9, 1909.

By order of the Board,

J. O. SCHLENKER, *President.*

J. C. RAUSCH, *Secretary.*

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Slav Mission Board can report very little for the first half of the biennium, as it was impossible to engage in active mission work on the field before the return of our Superintendent, Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D., from Hungary, where he was engaged in studying the Slovak language. The most that can be reported for the first year were the efforts made to carry on the work of education. During the entire biennium we had four students under our supervision. Samuel Lichner pursued his theological studies at the Mt. Airy Seminary. Because of the urgency of the field to have ordained pastors, Mr. Lichner was ordained by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania at the end of his middle year, June, 1908, in order that he might supply the Slovak congregation in Northampton, Pa., and perform pastoral acts. He, however, continued his studies at the Seminary and was graduated in May, 1909, finishing the three years' course creditably. At Muhlenberg College we support one student, Paul Putra, who has now completed his Junior year. In the Allentown Preparatory School, the two brothers, John and Andrew Hreha, have been studying and will continue there the coming year before they will be sufficiently advanced to enter college. At the July meeting of the Board, the application of Martin Slabej, twenty-one years old; Matej Banko, seventeen years old, and Peter Juras, twenty years old, all now of Monaca, Pa., were favorably received and these three young Slovaks will enter Thiel College at the opening of the present school term.

The matter of educating young men for the ministry among the foreign-speaking people is of the utmost importance; although it will require years of waiting, yet it appears to be the only sure way of securing men for the ministry. Though the Board has now six students under its supervision, these are all of one nationality, and far from enough for the demands of the field.

THE SUPERINTENDENT.

After pursuing for two years the study of the Slovak language in Beszterczebáyna, Hungary, our Superintendent, Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D., returned to America July 31, 1908. He now resides at Allentown, Pa. In September, 1908, at a meeting of the Board, plans were formulated for the prosecution of its work. The Superintendent has been engaged in conducting Slovak services almost every Sunday throughout the year. He has made a careful canvass of the field locating our people; he has also frequently presented the cause in congregations and before church conventions. During the fall and winter he was occupied on the territory of

the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. Slovak services have been conducted in ten different places. More than twice this number of towns have been canvassed, but where no Lutheran people were found among the foreign population. After Easter he devoted considerable time to the work on the territory of the Pittsburgh Synod. During this itinerary he canvassed a dozen towns, looking up Slovak people, and attended six Conference meetings of the Synod. It was during this canvass that the needs of the Magyars and Siebenbürger Lutherans were especially brought to the notice of the Board.

MISSIONARIES

The Board extended a call to Rev. Ludwig Havel to labor under the direction of the Superintendent in ministering to Slovak congregations. Rev. Havel entered upon his labors in December, 1908, and has hitherto rendered effectual service. He resides at Allentown, Pa., and conducts services regularly at Allentown, South Bethlehem, Slatington, Palmerton, Northampton and at other places, as from time to time occasion requires. With the excellent trolley service throughout the Lehigh Valley all these places can readily be reached.

In June a call was extended to Rev. John Jurco to become pastor of St. Stephen's Slovak congregation at Peckville, Pa. This is one of the oldest organized Slovak congregations in America, but during most of the time of its history it has been without a resident pastor. Recently the congregation was supplied by the Slovak pastor from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Rev. Carl Hauser, but the congregation had made efforts for a long time to secure a resident pastor. Rev. Jurco entered upon his labors under promising auspices in July of this year.

For several years Rev. Julius Czernecky has been a missionary among the Slovaks and Magyars under the supervision of the Pittsburgh Synod. In May of this year he left his charge, a Slovak congregation in Lakewood, O. The Pittsburgh Synod at its last convention transferred this mission to the supervision of our Board. There is at present no available pastor whom the Board can send to this field.

A promising mission is established at Delray, a suburb of Detroit, Mich. The Superintendent visited these people and found that they were anxious to secure a minister. Rev. Czernecky is conducting services at Delray, but definite arrangements have not yet been made with him as a missionary under the auspices of your Board.

Rev. Miloslav Kovar, a minister in the Free Church of Bohemia, residing in Vienna, has made application to the Board to engage in mission work with us. Upon careful consideration of his testimonials and character, the Board felt constrained to decline to accept his services.

From Gary, W. Va., an urgent appeal came to us to provide services for a colony of Slovak Lutherans. The Superintendent visited these people in June and conducted a service for them. Arrangements have been made to give them a service at least every three months. A missionary should, by all means, be stationed on this territory.

NEW MISSION FIELDS.

a. The Wends.

In the development of our mission interests it has been found that other nationalities besides the Slovak people claim our care and support. As these new mission fields opened by the Providence of God, we felt constrained to enter and render such service as is possible, realizing our responsibility for all our Lutheran immigrants who are not otherwise provided for. While looking after the spiritual interests of our Slovak Lutherans in South Bethlehem, Pa., our Superintendent became acquainted with a large colony of Wendish Lutherans. Sometimes these people are called Slovenes. These people come from southwestern Hungary. They belong to the Slav family of races; hence their language is closely related to the Slovak, and yet too remote to be readily understood by them. A number of services have been held for these people in South Bethlehem. At the last service held, there were one hundred and seventy-five persons in attendance. It is with deep regret that we must note the fact that the man who was able to minister to the Wends is now under suspension, and that for the present no services can be conducted. The Wends have had few occasions to attend worship in their mother tongue. Some understand a little German and the more devout among them attend the services of the German congregation, though not understanding the language. It is, however, a sad fact that the spirit of religious indifference is growing upon these people. Services for the Wends have also been conducted in Allentown and Palmerton, Pa. We had a few of them attend our Slovak services in Trenton, N. J. We have been informed that a number of these people are also living in New Brunswick, N. J.

b. Siebenbuerger-Saxons.

Another field that has recently opened for our support is among the Siebenbuerger-Saxons. Attention has already been called to the needs of these people by several contributors to "The Lutheran." Their condition has recently been more closely studied, and in consequence of this your Board has felt constrained to do something in their behalf. The Siebenbuerger-Saxons come from Transylvania, a province in southeastern Hungary. They are Germans, but they do not readily associate with the German congregations in America. Through their national organization, they are closely united, and have built, in many places, halls and club houses for holding social and benevolent assemblies. Large numbers live in western Pennsylvania and in Ohio. These people are all Lutherans, but here in America they seldom attend our services, although they seek the services of Lutheran pastors for their pastoral acts. At Ellwood City, Pa., is the only organized congregation in America. Beginnings to conduct services have also been made at Martin's Ferry, O., and in Cleveland, but in the latter place the enterprise suffered reverses and for the present the work is abandoned. The Board has become acquainted with Mr. George Schuster, a native Siebenbuerger, who has been living for two years in America teaching in a German parochial school in Pittsburgh. Mr. Schuster is

a graduate of the theological-pedagogical Seminary in Hermanstadt, Hungary, but has not yet been ordained to the office of the ministry. He has been examined and received by the Pittsburgh Synod at its last convention, to be ordained by the officers of the Synod in the event of receiving a call to a specific field of labor. In July your Board extended a call to Mr. Schuster to become a field missionary under the supervision of the Slav Mission Board for the Siebenbuerger-Saxons. Mr. Schuster has accepted the call, but his contract as a school teacher requires that three months' notice must be given before the resignation can go into effect. He will enter upon his labors after ordination at the earliest date.

c. The Magyars.

The Magyar Lutherans have been, until recently, without any Lutheran ministration in America. The Lutherans being usually comparatively few in number in any particular community, they unite with the local Magyar Reformed congregation. The Magyar Reformed Church has upwards of fifty congregations in America. These are receiving mission support from the Church funds in Hungary as well as from the Reformed and Presbyterian Churches in America. There is only one organized Magyar Lutheran congregation in America, located in Cleveland, O. This congregation purchased a church and parsonage from the Greek Catholic Church in December, 1907. They are at present served by Rev. Stephen Ruzsa. Through the efforts of our Superintendent both the pastor and the congregation united with the Pittsburgh Synod at its last convention. Efforts have been made to organize a Magyar Lutheran Church in New Brunswick, N. J. Early in Spring they were served by a young Lutheran minister, Rev. Boczko Gvula, who was on a visit to America, but in June he returned again to Hungary. Since then there have been no services held. In August the Superintendent visited them a second time and an urgent appeal has been sent to Hungary to secure a suitable minister for them. The congregation has already collected eleven hundred dollars towards the purchase of a lot and the erection of a chapel. One hundred and eighty members have signified their intention to unite with the congregation. There are still others in the surrounding places who would be willing to unite if there were a minister in the place. Services for our Magyar Lutherans have also been conducted in Passaic, N. J., Martin's, Ohio, and in Toledo, O. We feel thoroughly convinced that an extensive mission field is here neglected and uncultivated by our Church. The reason for this condition of affairs, of course, lies in the fact that we were not familiar with the needs of the field, not even knowing of its existence, and then the sad fact that we have no available ministers capable to minister to them in their mother tongue.

THE PROSPECT AND NEEDS.

Your Board is thoroughly convinced that the work among our Lutheran immigrants is of such magnitude and importance that every available agency needs to be employed to meet the demands of the field. The necessity of educating students as candidates for the ministry is of such vital

importance, and this not only for one but all the nationalities with whom we come in touch, that it must be pushed with all vigor. This is indeed a slow process, it is an expensive enterprise, it is attended with some uncertainty and risk, but it is, as far as we can see, absolutely the only course to secure ministers who shall serve these different nationalities in spiritual things in the land of their adoption. It is the intention of your Board to secure every worthy applicant who offers himself.

Then, again, the immediate needs of the field are so far-reaching and urgent, and the difficulty of securing ministers is so great, that we must be prepared to engage suitable men whenever and as soon as their service can be secured.

In order to carry on the work, both of student education and the supplying of ordained ministers to the scattered Lutheran immigrants all over our country, the Slav Mission Board most urgently asks the venerable General Council for an appropriation of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) for the next biennium. If this appears to be a large sum, we beg to say that the Church has a large field which entails a solemn responsibility to care for these strangers within our borders.

The increasing number of Lutheran immigrants carries with it a serious and solemn obligation to provide the ministrations of the Gospel to these wandering multitudes. To provide for their ingathering into church organizations at this stage is the proper thing to do. To delay is certainly detrimental to the spiritual welfare of many souls. Hence the Board prays that the full amount be apportioned to the different Synods, believing that it is the minimum sum with which it is possible to do the work.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board,

A. L. Ramer, *Superintendent.*

Five minutes each were granted to Dr. Benze and Dr. Ramer to present the Slav cause more fully.

Report of the Treasurer of the Slav Mission Board, September 23, 1907, to September 1, 1909.

DEBITS.

Balance received from former Treasurer	$ 159 19
Contributions from the various District Synods, on account of apportionments	3,937 36
Appropriation for educational purposes by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania	1,000 00
Balance from the Treasurer of the Slovak Committee of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania	161 87
Contribution from the Slovak Evangelical Union for educational purposes	75 00
Interest returned on loan paid	35 00
	$5,368 42

CREDITS.

Salaries	$2,890 00
Educational purposes	760 46
Loan paid, with interest	385 00
Traveling expenses, including Dr. Ramer's return from Hungary, printing, etc., etc.	895 71
Balance on hand, September 1, 1909	437 25
	$5,368 42

Hazleton, Pa., September 1, 1909. H. E. YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, have examined the above accounts and find the same correct.

W. M. REHRIG.
M. B. SCHMOYER.

At the Fifth Session the following was presented and adopted:

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT FOR SLAV MISSIONS,

We would respectfully ask that the following amount of ten thousand dollars for Slav Mission work for the coming biennium be apportioned among the different Synods of the General Council:

1.	Pennsylvania Ministerium	$4,750 00
2.	Pittsburgh Synod	1,500 00
3.	New York Ministerium	1,125 00
4.	New York and New England Synod	1,000 00
5.	Augustana Synod	625 00
6.	District Synod of Ohio	438 00
7.	Canada Synod	250 00
8.	Chicago Synod	125 00
9.	English Synod of the Northwest	125 00
10.	Pacific Synod	25 00
11.	Nova Scotia Synod	20 00
12.	Manitoba Synod	7 00
13.	Synod of Central Canada	10 00
		$10,000 00

Report of Committee to Nominate the Board of Slav Missions.—Rev. J. O. Schlenker, Rev. C. T. Benze, D.D., Rev. J. G. Rausch, Rev. Hugo K. Erdmann, Rev. W. M. Rehrig, Ph.D., Rev. E. A. Trabert, Mr. Henry E. Young, Mr. Charles A. Worsley, Mr. John M. Reed.

G. H. TRABERT, *Chairman.*

The Council received and adopted the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SWEDISH HOME MISSIONS.

(The Augustana Synod's Missions.)

The Swedish Home Mission work of the General Council is done exclusively by the Augustana Synod, as it alone constitutes the Swedish part of

the Council. The history of this Synod is one of home mission work. It had its beginning with the arrival of Rev. L. P. Esbjörn in 1849, who gathgations. His work was carried on mainly in Illinois, Iowa and Minnegered the immigrants for divine services and organized them into congresota. The immigration from Sweden began in the forties of the last century and has continued to increase ever since until the Swedish immigrants and their descendants now number variously estimated from two and a half to three million souls. By education and training they belong to the Lutheran Church. They are scattered over the whole North American continent. They are found, however, mostly in the Northwestern and New England States.

Since the Augustana Synod is the only Lutheran Synod among the Swedes, it is the duty of this body to minister to their spiritual wants. In order to carry on this work most effectively the Synod is divided into Conferences, each of which conducts the home mission work within its borders.

In territory which is not within the limits of any of the Conferences the Synod as a whole conducts mission work. Such fields are at present Utah, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, Alabama and Florida. Five missionaries are employed in Montana, with Butte, Helena, Anaconda, Missoula and Great Falls as centers, where regular church organizations have been established. There are besides some fifteen mission places visited at regular intervals.

In Idaho three missionaries are employed, with Idaho Falls, Boise and Burley as headquarters, where also churches are organized. In Utah two missionaries are stationed—in Salt Lake City and Ogden. In Alaska one missionary, with Douglas as headquarters. One is stationed at Thorsby, Alabama, and one in Pierson, Florida.

The sum expended by the Synod on its home mission field for the biennium amounts to $36,657.75.

As stated above, each of the Conferences carries on mission work within its borders.

1. The New York Conference.—This Conference embraces all the States east of Indiana. During the last biennium $17,388.10 has been expended for missions within this territory.

2. The Illinois Conference. It embraces Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Eastern Wisconsin. The sum expended for the missions for the biennium amounts to $25,292.91.

3. The Minnesota Conference. This is the largest Conference in the Synod, both as regards territory and membership. It embraces Minnesota, the two Dakotas, Western Wisconsin and all of Canada except British Columbia. The sum expended for the last two years amounts to $33,-691.08.

4. The Iowa Conference. It embraces Iowa and Missouri, exclusive of Kansas City. The sum expended on its missions amounts to $8,387.03 for the last biennium.

5. The Kansas Conference. It covers Kansas, Colorado, Texas and Kansas City, Mo. The sum expended during the biennium amounts to $10,682.67.

6. The Nebraska Conference, including Nebraska and Wyoming, has expended for its home missions during the biennium $6,908.40.

7. The Columbia Conference embraces Oregon, Washington, Northern Idaho and British Columbia. The sum expended on home mission work for the two years amounts to $10,547.65. Part of this sum, however, has come from the Synod as a whole.

8. The California Conference includes only the State of California. The sum expended, of which a part has come from the Synod, amounts to a little over $2,000.

The Synod also conducts Immigrant Missions in New York and Boston, where two Immigrant Homes are established with a missionary for each

The total amount expended by the Synod and its Conferences during the period amounts to $151,555.49.

Respectfully submitted,

E. K. JONSON, *Treasurer.*

Rock Island, Ill., Aug. 10, 1909.

The President appointed the following

Committee to Nominate a Swedish Board of Home Missions: Revs. J. A. Krantz, D.D., Rev. C. A. Rosander.

They subsequently reported the following:

Nominations for the Swedish Home Mission Board: Rev. E. Norelius, D.D., R.N.O., Rev. L. A. Johnston, D.D., Rev. P. J. Brodine, D.D., Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, D.D., R.N.O., Rev. Prof. C. E. Lindberg, D.D., R.N.O., Rev. E. K. Johnson, Prof. C. W. Foss, Ph.D., C. A. Larson, August Hanson.

Rev. Dr. Haas read and the Council adopted the Reports of the Immigrant Mission Board and the audited Treasurer's Report.

REPORT OF THE IMMIGRANT MISSIONARY.

(For the period of two years, ending June 30, 1909.)

To the Venerable General Council of the Ev. Lutheran Church in North America:

German Immigration has not increased within the last two years. The average influx from Germany proper has been 25,000 persons a year, with about as many Germans from other European countries. They were mostly farmers, mechanics, and common laborers, many of whom joined relatives or friends already in America, whilst a good number of them have, through the influence of our Mission, found their way into our Lutheran congregations of the General Council. Notwithstanding the comparatively small number of German immigrants, the work of the missionary has by no means been less than in former years. On Ellis Island as well as in the Emigrant House, the mission has filled its place in behalf of the poor and suffering, the detained and sick, the less experienced traveler, and all who were in need of counsel or other assistance.

From the reports of our Emigrant House we learn that 12,358 pilgrims have been cared for by our mission within the last two years, whilst many others were looked after whose names are not entered into our books. Through material assistance to the needy, through procuring work for the unemployed, through guiding the newcomer safely from ship to near and far destinations, through advocating the deserving ones when in peril of being deported, through feeding the hungry while out of work, through protecting the stranger against imposters and thieves, and through many other smaller favors shown to them, your Missionary has reached the multitudes, who in one way or another belong to the beneficiaries of your mission, and who to a great extent were thus led into the spiritual care of our Lutheran Church. Practical Christianity has always been and always will be the key to the heart. In this way your Missionary has found no great difficulty in speaking to wayward or the erring, to the impudent or the careless, to the scoffer or the unbeliever, to the afflicted or the distressed, to the weary and heavy-laden. Many thousands of pamphlets, church papers, almanacs, pictures cards, New Testaments or parts thereof, sometimes also Bibles and prayer books, have been distributed among and eagerly read by the immigrants at all times.

Our daily devotional services and the preaching of the Word of God on Sundays in our little chapel in the Emigrant House have been appreciated by all our guests,—also by the poor who were fed by your mission in large numbers during the hard and cold winter days. We have had over 2,000 at our tables, to whom your Missionary in the name of our Saviour also spoke about the welfare of their soul. In 470 cases the mission aided poor immigrants with cash money to reach their relatives.

It was the privilege of your Missionary to visit Synods and Conferences, congregations, and special mission festivals in the interest of our mission; its work and its needs were presented, and the help of our Lutheran Church was politely requested. What we need most is the good will and the kind assistance of all our pastors.

On a recent trip to Europe your Missionary was delighted to take opportunity to speak about and for our Immigrant Mission in London, Bremen, Hamburg, Kiel, Kropp, Berlin, Leipzig, and also in Switzerland. We kindly ask the venerable General Council to recommend our mission, which is entirely dependent upon the voluntary gifts of our Christian friends, to a more general and liberal support.

We acknowledge most gratefully the receipt of 12 dozen copies of "Kirchenbuch" from the Board of Publication at the beginning of this year for the use in our chapel in the Emigrant House. We likewise thank the Board most sincerely for a donation of about 800 copies of "Lutherischer Kalender," 1908 and 1909, for free distribution among immigrants, and renew our request for the same number for 1910 and 1911.

A vacancy in the Board of Trustees of the Emigrant House was created by the resignation, on account of ill health, of our highly esteemed co-worker, Rev. H. Beiderbecke, Sr. The Board elected in his place the Rev. J. A. Weyl, of New York. Most respectfully submitted,

New York, Sept. 7, 1909. G. DOERING, *Emigrant Missionary.*

Report of the Treasurer of the Immigrant Mission of the General Council, from July 1, 1907, to July 1, 1909.

(a) MISSION ACCOUNT.

July 1, 1907. Balance of Mission Account		$ 196 41
Receipts.		
Donations from congregations, societies, individuals		1,572 81
		$1,769 22
Disbursements.		
Salary of the Missionary, Rev. G. Doering	$999 84	
Mrs. H. J. Berkemeier	360 00	
Emigrant Mission, Bremen	100 00	
Books and periodicals	18 48	
Freight for Kalendars and Church Books	11 10	
Traveling expenses of the Missionary	38 50	
Miscellaneous	12 24	
		1,540 16
July 1, 1909. Balance of Mission Account		$229 06

(b) POOR IMMIGRANT'S ACCOUNT.

July 1, 1909. Balance of Poor Immigrants' Account		119 72
Receipts.		
Donations from congregations, societies and individuals		619 82
		$739 54
Disbursements.		
470 cases of assistance to poor immigrants (cash, traveling expenses,, board and lodging)	$393 92	
1,576 meals to poor immigrants	251 77	
		645 69
July 1, 1909. Balance of Poor Immigrants' Account		$93 85

FREDERICK KRACKE, *Treasurer*

New York, July 1, 1909.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee to Nominate the Board of Immigrant Missions.—Rev. G. C. F. Haas, D.D., Rev. A. Richter, Rev. J. J. Heischmann, D.D., Rev. J. A. Weyl, Rev.. D. W. Petersen, Rev. J. R. Luehrs, Rev. H. W. Hoffmann, D.D., Rev. J. W. Loch, Ph.D., Rev. Christian G. Fischer, Martin Wulff, Frederick Kracke, John H. Boschen, Peter Repperhagen, W. C. Hauff.

W. L. GENZMER,
JAMES L. BECKER.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Fry it was

Resolved, That the Council hold a regular session this evening, and that the Church Book Committee's Report be the special order.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Prof. N. Forsander, D.D., of Rock Island.

SIXTH SESSION.

Monday, 2 p. m.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. George H. Schnur, of St. Paul.

The Minutes of the Fifth Session were read and approved.

GENERAL COUNCIL COLLEGES.

The President, on instruction by the Council appointed a committee on whose recommendation the Council adopted the following:

Resolved, That the General Council calls attention to the advancement of the various Colleges connected with the General Council, especially Muhlenberg College at Allentown, Pa., Thiel College at Greenville, Pa., Augustana College at Rock Island, Ill., Bethany College at Lindsborg, Kans., Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter, Minn., Wagner College at Rochester, N. Y., and Upsala College at East Orange, N. J., and commends them to the continued and increased support of all our Synods and their congregations.

J. Fry,
N. Forsander,
O. C. F. Bert.

Rev C. M. Jacobs presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your regular Committee on Education would report that, during the biennium, it has engaged in the study of various educational problems, and now offers the following recommendations:

1. That, at the next convention of the General Council one evening be devoted to addresses on the general question of education.
2. That a Board of Education be constituted to take the place of the General Council's present Committee on Education.
3. That a Special Committee be appointed to define the functions of the Board of Education.

Geo. W. Sandt, *Chairman.*
O. F. H. Bert, *Sec. Pro. Tem.*

Report adopted as a whole.

The Committee to Nominate the Board of Education, composed of the Rev. C. M. Jacobs and Dr. L. A. Johnson, at the Seventh Session reported the following nominations:

Rev. Prof. R. F. Weidner, D.D., LL.D., Rev. Prof. G. A. Andreen, Ph.D., D.D., Rev. Prof. C. M. Esbjorn, Ph.D.. Rev. Prof. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., Rev. Prof. C. G. Youngert, Ph.D., Rev. Prof. L. H. Beck, Ph.D., Rev. J. W. Horine, Rev. Fritz Jacobson, Ph.D., Rev. W. A. Beates, Rev. G. J. Gongaware, Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph.D., Rev. H. D. Spaeth, Rev. A. D. Crile, Rev. C. M. Jacobs, Mr. Henry Deininger.

After the substitution of the name of Rev. C. M. Jacobs for that of another, the Board was elected as nominated.

Rev C. M. Jacobs presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZING STUDENT AND EDUCATIONAL WORK,

Your Committee on the Organization of Student and Educational Work would respectfully report as follows:

I. With reference to work among the Lutheran students attending non-Lutheran educational institutions we recommend,

1. That a committee be appointed to be known as the General Council Committee on Student Life in non-Lutheran Schools, this committee to consist of seven clergymen and five laymen.

2. That this committee be charged with the work of inquiring into the religious conditions of student life in non-Lutheran institutions so far as it applies to the Lutheran Church, and empowered to take such action in the matter as it may deem necessary and wise. Provided, however, that, until the next convention of the General Council, the work of the committee shall be confined to the Northwest, and provided, further, that the committee shall involve the General Council in no expense.

3. That this committee be instructed to seek the co-operation of other Lutheran bodies in this work, upon such terms as may be found possible consistently with the principles and practices of the General Council.

II. With reference to the establishment of a Board of Education of the General Council we recommend:

1. That the present Committee on Education be discontinued, and that a Board of Education be constituted in its place, this Board to consist of fifteen members, eight to be elected for a term of two years, and seven for a term of four years; members elected at future conventions to be elected for a term of four years.

2. That this Board be charged with the investigation of the whole field of education in the General Council, and with such other matters pertaining to the sphere of education as the General Council may from time to time determine.

3. That this Board be required to present to the next convention of the General Council a full report on the relation of the supply of ministerial candidates to the demand, and to report on the various plans of Beneficiary Education obtaining in the Synods of the General Council, together with such recommendations as it may deem wise.

A. D. Crile, *Chairman.*

A Committee on Laymen's Work reported on an item in the Laymen's Report. See Fifth Session.

The Committee on German Conferences made their final report. See Fifth Session.

RECEPTION OF OFFICIAL VISITORS.

The Council was now addressed by the several Official Visitors: the Rev. Carl Proehl, of Mendota, Ill. (in German), representing the German Synod of Iowa; the Rev. George M. Grau, D.D., of McClure, Ohio, representing the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America; and the Rev. Bjorn B. Jonsson, of Minneota, Minn., representing the Icelandic Synod, to each of whose courteous yet frank greetings the President of the General Council responded with equal candor and courtesy.

In view of the utterances of the Icelandic visitor and the personal letter from his Synod inviting the President of the General Council to participate in the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of said Synod occurring next year, it was on motion of Dr. Jacobs unanimously

Resolved, That we extend to the Icelandic Lutheran Synod our hearty sympathy in the conflict that is sorely trying that Body.

2. That the President of this General Council, the Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., be appointed to represent the Council at the next meeting of the Icelandic Synod in conveying to that Body our greetings on its Twenty-fifth Anniversary, and to appeal to it to enter into a closer relation with the General Council than it has hitherto borne.

President James A. Moorhead, D.D., of Roanoke College, Sa-

lem, Va., representing the United Synod of the South, being unable to attend in person, sent a fraternal letter, which was read.

The Rev. Dr. Jacobs read his

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Your "Official Visitor" to the General Synod respectfully reports that, in fulfilling your appointment, he acted upon the principle of what seems to be implied in your choice of the term "Visitor," instead of "Delegate," that the main object of the interchange of visitors with other ecclesiastical organizations, is, through official representatives, to keep the Bodies mutually informed of the position, action, and interests of each other, and that the conveying of greetings in a formal address is only incidental. In order to meet these requirements, the "Visitor" ought to be almost as constant in his attendance on the sessions as the members of the body to which he is sent.

In attending the Forty-fourth Convention of the General Synod, which convened at Richmond, Ind., June 2, 1909, the full discharge of these duties as just stated was prevented, on the part of your representative, by the simultaneous meeting of his own Synod. He was present immediately after the organization had been completed, and throughout three sessions. No reception could have been more cordial or treatment more courteous than that accorded him.

Certain points of contrast with the General Council are worthy of record. In the General Council, the delegates are largely composed of those who were members of the preceding convention. Many have been delegates at successive conventions for a long series of years. In the General Synod, the provision made for the payment of the traveling expenses of all the delegates from the general treasury, upon the basis of an apportionment to the churches, results in a rotation in the personnel of the delegations. Of the one hundred and twenty-two clerical and nearly the same number of lay delegates on the roll of the convention of 1909, only ten of each were delegates to the convention of 1907. The continuity with preceding conventions and familiarity with the business were maintained by the presence on the delegations of six former presidents of the General Synod, and the free concession of the floor to members of the various Boards even when not delegates.

From the very beginning, in the General Council, the chief stress has been laid upon the determination of underlying principles, often chiefly for educational purposes, and with the remote, rather than the immediate, future in view. The General Synod is occupied more with details of administration, with the reconciling of conflicting interests, and with programs of work to be carried down immediately to Synods and congregations for

execution. Protracted consideration of different problems is not encouraged upon the floor; but is promptly referred to committees for adjustment.

At this convention, the Franckean Synod, whose admission in 1864, upon a doctrinal basis the unsatisfactoriness of which was generally conceded, became the occasion for the break in the General Synod, which had the founding of this General Council as one of its results, disappeared from the roll, being merged, with the two other Synods of the General Synod in the State of New York, into the Synod of New York. While in former years, the policy had been to strengthen the General Body at the expense of its Synods, by encouraging the multiplication of Synods, and discriminating against the larger Synods in the ratio of representation, the union of these Synods indicates a movement in the opposite direction.

The increase of German influence in recent years has been very noticeable. Two Synods, entirely German in language, were represented at Richmond, the German Wartburg, with ten, and the German Nebraska, with sixteen delegates. Not only has provision been made for full theological instruction in the German language, in one of the Western seminaries of the General Synod, but a relation has been established with the institution at Breklum in Schleswig-Holstein, to whose support an annual appropriation is made, by which candidates for the ministry are provided for its German congregations. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence is diligently endeavoring to gain for the General Synod the sympathy and recognition of conservative Lutheran theologians in Europe, and by personal interviews, on visits abroad, as well as by letter, to make such presentations of the General Synod's confessional position as may satisfy their criticisms, and answer attacks upon it from this country.

Your representative was present when the subjects of Foreign and Home Missions were under consideration. During the preceding biennium, over $96,000 had been expended on Foreign and $110,000 on Home Missions. An apportionment of thirty cents annually for each communicant was made. Liberal as this amount may seem in the aggregate, it was shown,—and we note it to suggest a similar comparison in our tables,—that the General Synod contributes for the evangelization of the world only five per cent. of what is spent upon congregational and other work in this country!

A large portion of the Report of the Board of Home Missions was devoted to a treatment of a misunderstanding with the Board of English Home Missions of the General Council concerning division of territory. After a brief discussion as to the method of reaching an adjustment, it was referred to a special committee, on whose recommendation, after we had left, a provision for arbitration was adopted, which will doubtless reach this Body at some other place.

As you imposed upon your Visitor the delicate task of informing the General Synod of your action taken at Buffalo, with reference to its con-

fessional position, he endeavored to discharge this duty according to your instructions. The message was heard with the closest attention and received in the best spirit. A sincere desire to be on the best of terms with the General Council pervaded the assembly, and found expression in numerous private assurances, as well as in the cordial reply of the President.

As the suggestion has been made by your President that a summary of this communication be reported to this General Council, it is herewith submitted:

After some personal and historical references, your "Visitor" said:

"The General Synod and the General Council, both, by their very names, announce the ideal before them of a united Lutheran Church of America, and, in doing so, silently criticise the other—for their name is the same, the one adopting the Greek, and the other the Latin form of the same word. That ideal they have long been struggling for, not only in their attitude towards each other, but also towards the vast mass of Lutherans that outnumber the combined strength of both bodies. Both must realize that the great end of Church organization is not the organization itself, but the great principles for which the organization stands; that the General Synod and the General Council must be the humble servants of the Lutheran Faith, and not the Lutheran Faith simply an instrumentality for the maintenance of these Bodies; that the Faith is something fixed and invariable, while the organization must constantly adjust its regulations to the ever new demands of the One Immutable Faith.

"For some years, our two Bodies have been endeavoring to reach a clearer understanding of one another, and of the common principles underlying both organizations. The General Synod has the credit for initiating these proceedings. In response to an overture made by the General Synod at Canton, O., in 1893, the General Council, a few months later, at Fort Wayne, Ind., replied: 'The General Council hails with the greatest satisfaction any movement which will tend to bring together all who bear the Lutheran name, in this country, in a bond of true unity. We cordially reciprocate the desire expressed by the General Synod to cultivate fraternal relations between the sundered parts of our beloved Church, and rejoice in any evidence which may be furnished of their drawing nearer together, and forming a sincere and real union.' It is true that both the General Synod and the General Council explicitly declared that, in the various negotiations, no change in the doctrinal basis of either Body was contemplated, and the General Council reaffirmed its 'Fundamental Principles of Faith and Church Polity.' But the latter Body felt that it could meet the approach of the General Synod upon the assumption that the General Synod's basis, properly interpreted, was not antagonistic to that of the General Council, and, while, in the opinion of the General Council, not adequate for the purposes of a general organization in America, could, if consistently maintained, form the basis for mutual consultation, and a considerable degree of harmonious co-operation. In taking this action, the General Council did not mean to regard with indifference any attacks that might be made

upon its fuller confessional basis; for whatever is to it a matter of confession can never be treated as a matter of indifference. In recognizing the basis of the General Synod as correct as far as it goes, the Council did not endorse that basis as absolutely identical with its own; and whenever the question would be raised, would be compelled to testify as to its understanding of the points of difference.

"These points, Mr. President, we do not propose to argue at this time. It would be an abuse of the privileges which you have given me, if I were so to do. But since at the last meeting of the General Council, held at Buffalo, N. Y., one of the District Synods of the General Council exercised its constitutional right in petitioning for a definition of the relation of the General Council to the General Synod a definition was given; and I was charged, not only as the Official Visitor, but also as the one appointed to prepare that declaration, to present its substance to you 'in the spirit of Christian love and consideration, but at the same time with all candor.' This duty has now been discharged.

"It is to be hoped that the action taken at Buffalo may lead to a clearer understanding. It is not the purpose of the General Council to embarrass in any way the work of the General Synod, or to fail in yielding it our earnest support in all its efforts for the common cause in which we are enlisted. But there are principles that are deeper, and there is a vision that is more extended, than that merely which is involved in our mutual relations. These we are prepared to expound and defend as Providence directs.

"And may the God of Peace lead us all into the Knowledge of His perfect Truth."

It must be remembered that your Visitor was not authorized by the action of the General Council to go any farther. On the contrary, he had to keep in mind that a resolution instructing the Visitor to make an appeal to the General Synod to consider whether the time had come to unite with the other Lutheran General Bodies in this country, in the formal acceptance of the other Symbolical Books which these Bodies include in the declaration of their confessional basis, had been rejected by the General Council, and that the reasons given for such disposal of the resolution were that it would be premature, might be interpreted as discourteous, and would serve only to irritate instead of conciliate.

The result, however, showed that the apprehensions determining such action were groundless, and that had you authorized such message, it would not only have been received with all respect, but would have prompted friendly action.

It was with great satisfaction that, immediately after his address, your Visitor heard the representative of the United Synod of the South, the Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., make a very clear statement on this very subject, in his address to the General Synod. After referring to a number of matters that the two Bodies had in common, and especially to their common subscription to the Augsburg Confession, he continued:

"The United Synod in the same spirit subscribes to all the Symbolical Books. We do not understand that we have thereby added anything to the essence of our faith by subscribing to the other symbols with the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, but that we have thus elaborated our confession, and have added an explicitness which historical developments have seemed to demand. We believe that the more explicit a confession is, the more positive it becomes; and the more positive it is, the more powerful it becomes for good."

After our departure from Richmond, the General Synod took action beyond what your Visitor was allowed to ask of it, and interpreted his message as bringing directly to its attention the theses on the Relation of the General Council to the General Synod adopted at Buffalo. The Minutes of the Richmond Convention (p. 55) read: "Dr. Jacobs has appeared before us and has carried out the instructions entrusted to him, by referring us to the Confessional Theses adopted by the General Council at its Buffalo Convention. * * * To ignore those Theses would be to cast a slight and contempt upon the General Council that so honorable a body does not deserve, and that would display a spirit unworthy of a great Christian body like the General Synod."

A very full answer to the various exceptions made in our Buffalo action to the General Synod's statement of its doctrinal basis, was proposed and adopted without any significant opposition. The paper replies to the criticisms of the General Council in admirable spirit, and by its more explicit definition of the General Synod's basis on a number of points that have been regarded as ambiguous, prepares the way for a still more thorough understanding with this Body.

To enter more fully into the examination of this paper, passed during his absence, and of whose full purport he knew nothing until weeks after his return, would be beyond the province of your Visitor.

The following action is respectfully recommended:

Resolved, That an Official Visitor be appointed to the next meeting of the General Synod to be held in 1911, in Washington, D. C.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY E. JACOBS.

The Report was adopted, including its provision for the appointment of an Official Visitor to the next General Synod convention at Washington.

Committee to Nominate the Official Visitors.—Revs. A. J. Reichert, A. Spaeth, D.D., G. W. Mechling, D.D., M. E. Haberland, S. A. Ziegenfuss, D.D., E. C. J. Kraeling, Mr. W. H. Hager and Hon. C. R. Lantz.

For the remaining reports of the Official Visitors see the Tenth Session.

Dr. Fry presented the resolution endorsing colleges. See Fifth Session.

The Rev. Dr. Ranseen presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO LOCATE A BOARD IN CHICAGO.

By action of the Council at Buffalo the scope of your Committee was narrowed to the consideration of the Foreign Mission Board. After full consideration of the Foreign Mission Work the Committee unanimously deemed it best for the work that no change be made, and therefore recommends that the location of that Board remain in Philadelphia.

M. C. RANSEEN, *Chairman.*

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Dr. Belfour reported on Part III of the President's Report. See First Session.

The Rev. H. Weller presented the Report on Synodical Minutes. See First Session.

The Rev. Dr. Trabert offered and the Council, by a rising vote, adopted unanimously the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The venerable E. Norelius, D.D., R.N.O., the Senior of the Augustana Synod, which has been a most important factor in the General Council from its very organization, has called attention to the fact that the Fathers,—those who were the leaders in formulating the polity of the General Council, and who at all times have stood up for the maintenance of a sound confessional principle,—are fast passing away, and will, before many years, no longer be able to participate in its deliberations; therefore be it

Resolved, That we devoutly thank God that He raised up those noble men who have bequeathed to us the precious heritage which we have in the Fundamental Principles of Faith and Church Polity upon which this General Council stands, and who have directed its course so that it has never given an uncertain sound in the defense of sound Lutheran principles.

2. That we pray God that those of the Fathers who are still with us may be spared for yet many years to attend the Conventions of this Body, and by their advice and counsel continue to aid in furthering the interests of a sound Lutheranism on the Confessional Basis of this General Council.

The President appointed the Committee to Nominate the Kropp Commission.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Edmund Belfour, D.D., of Allegheny, Pa.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Monday, 7.30 p. m.

The Rev. William L. Hunton, Ph.D., Literature Secretary conducted the devotional service.

The Report on Minutes and Abstracts was still further acted upon.

Action was taken with reference to Pension Fund. See First Session.

The motion of the Rev. Mr. Reed was discussed at length by its author, and was, with other motions by Rev. A. Steimle and Dr. Horn, relating to the Church Book and Hymnal, adopted. See Second Session.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Henry Warren Roth, D.D., of Greenville, Pa.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Tuesday, September 14, 9 a. m.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. Earnest Anton Trabert, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The minutes of the Sixth and Seventh Sessions were read and adopted.

Report of Committee to Nominate the English Board of Home Missions.—Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D., Rev. G. W. Sandt, D.D., Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., E. Aug. Miller, Esq., W. H. Hager, Frank D. Bittner, A. C. Albrecht.

J. C. SEEGERS,
A. H. ARBAUGH.

On motion

Resolved, That the election for Boards and Official Visitors, etc., be held at 3 P. M.

The Report on Minutes and Abstracts was resumed and completed. See First Session.

Dr. Whitteker reported as to change in English Home Mission Board's Charter. See Second Session.

By request the Rev. A. P. G. Anderson, one of our Porto Rico missionaries, addressed the Council on that work.

GREETINGS TO BISHOP VON SCHEELE.

The Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Inasmuch as it has come to the knowledge of the General Council that the Rt. Rev. Bishop Von Scheele has accepted the invitation of the Swedish Augustana Synod to take part in the celebration of its Fiftieth Anniversary in 1910, be it therefore

Resolved, That the General Council, in session assembled, hereby extends to the venerable Bishop its most heartfelt greeting and welcome with the prayer that his visit to this country may result in great blessing to our beloved Church.

CONGRATULATIONS TO AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Jacobs it was

Resolved, That, inasmuch as the Augustana Synod, the largest Synod of this General Council, is making preparations for the celebrating of its Fiftieth Anniversary at its next meeting, the General Council hereby appoints its President to present in person, if possible, its hearty congratulations upon what has been accomplished through the Synod's instrumentality for the progress of our Church, and for the spiritual care of thousands of souls in all parts of this land, and prays for its continued progress and prosperity.

The Rev. Dr. Ohl presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INNER MISSIONS.

Your Inner Mission Committee is confronted with the serious limitations of its efficiency as a working body. First, its widely scattered membership prevents effective co-operation; second, the pressure of local pastoral and other duties in the case of most of its members forbids that concentrated and continuous activity along Inner Mission lines which is so necessary to progress; third, the expense involved in holding frequent conferences and planning for larger things is too great to make it possible for most of its members to participate.

The Committee at a meeting held on July 14th in Muhlenberg College, being conscious of its limitations in the matter of conducting an active Inner Mission propaganda, deemed it important to consider and ascertain what service lay within the range of its ability as a committee to perform. It concluded that the character of its work was chiefly educational and inspirational. First, it is not in a position as a Committee to originate and conduct any particular form of Inner Mission activity. That must be left to local societies, and to men who see the need and feel the divine call. Second, its chief function is to safeguard as much as lies within its power the sound evangelical principle on which Inner Mission activity rests and

thus assure for it a uniform and consistent character throughout the entire General Council. This is becoming increasingly important in view of the superficial and unspiritual character of much work that is done in the name of humanitarianism. Third, it should act as an advisory body, an information bureau, a repository of Inner Mission activities. Along these lines there is a large field for usefulness open to the Committee. Fourth, it should arrange through sub-committees for the successful inauguration of instructive courses, and to this end urge the holding of institutes and conferences in the various centers where Inner Mission activity is most loudly called for.

Fifth, in addition to these local conferences and institutes, it should at stated times hold a national Inner Mission congress, where principles and activities in their wider scope could be discussed under the leadership of men of knowledge and experience.

These seemed to be the chief avenues of usefulness open to your widely-scattered Committee.

As to the General Secretary, in Resolution 2, p. 296 of the General Council Minutes of 1907, which was endorsed by the action of the General Council (see p. 298), the appointment of a General Secretary was suggested. After further consideration, it was, for various reasons, deemed not feasible at this time to carry out the suggestion. It was believed that the success of the Inner Mission movement within the General Council depended chiefly on the initiative and energy of the local societies headed by God-called men and women. Institutes in the different centers to discuss principles, consider reports and outline plans were regarded as an excellent substitute. The process of applying the Inner Mission principle, as apprehended by our Church, to the multifarious and complex conditions as they exist in this country is necessarily slow for lack of a more general and intelligent interest. Institutes should prove an efficient agency to supply the deficiency.

Information and the Press. In order to gather and spread information, it is suggested that the Central Committee be made the repository of the reports, bulletins, and other publications of local societies, and that a summarized report of the work be published at intervals, if possible. The Handbook on Inner Missions authorized by the General Council is in process of preparation. The need of a complete missionary journal, presenting every phase of mission activity at home and abroad, seems to your Committee to be loudly called for. To publish a separate paper for every mission interest will multiply our mission sheets to such an extent as to prove confusing to our people and subversive of the best interests of all our mission activities. Could not such a combined publication become a possibility in the near future?

During the past biennium, the subject of Inner Missions has been presented to the Thiel and Muhlenberg Summer Schools, at the Pittsburgh Synod, and all the conferences of that Synod, at the Inner Mission institute held in Pittsburgh May 27, 1909, at the Pennsylvania Ministerium, and

numerous meetings of conference and missionary societies, at the New York Ministerium and the New York and New England Synod, and doubtless in numerous conventions in the Augustana Synod. Thus far the only Theological Seminary in the General Council to make provision for a course of study on the subject is the Chicago Seminary, and it is hoped that similar courses will be provided for in our other seminaries in the near future. It is the conviction of your Committee that not much progress will be made in developing Inner Mission activities until the ministry itself is profoundly impressed with its necessity and importance, and at our seminaries this work must begin.

Another imperative need which the Committee feels but seems powerless to meet are schools for the training of Inner Mission workers. Right here is where the chief difficulty lies. Until we can provide trained men and women who understand the underlying principles and have caught the true Inner Mission spirit, we will look in vain for much progress. It would seem that courses could be arranged for at our deaconess homes for the training of women. Could not such courses be provided at our colleges or seminaries for the training of men?

Forms of Inner Mission Activity. In answer to the question, What forms of Inner Mission activity are most called for to meet the needs in our great cities? your Committee would suggest the following:

1. *Depot Missions*—to protect ignorant and inexperienced young women from falling into the hands of seducers or "white slave" agents.

2. *Immigrant Missions*—to protect the immigrant. A parish sister would prove of great service in this field.

3. *Magdalen Homes* for the rescue and care of fallen women. Revelations concerning conditions in department stores, factories, employment bureaus, boarding houses, and the like tell a story that is as revolting as it is alarming.

4. *Homes for Men and Women.* The ease with which multitudes of once promising young men drift into snares and pitfalls in all our large cities is appalling, and goes far to explain why our city churches are not holding the young men. Thousands of them are without homes. Homes for our many young women, homeless and beset, with countless perils of the city, are even more urgent.

5. *Care for Discharged Prisoners.* A large and promising field for service. It is the first offender particularly that needs the helping hand of Christian sympathy and guidance.

6. *Employment Bureau for Unemployed Servants.* One of the saddest sights is to witness the weekly discharge of servant girls who must work for a living but who through no fault of theirs are incapable of doing full or service.

7. *City Missionary Service.* This needs little more than mention. There is not a single large city in the country where the Lutheran Church is represented which should not support a well-organized city mission force. One missionary must needs prove entirely insufficient. The possibilities for this form of service have scarcely been touched by our Church.

Inner Mission Activity in the Congregation. In discussing the question as to what might be done to introduce Inner Mission activity into congregational life and thus counteract various fruitless and misdirected activities, your Committee reached the conclusion, that great possibilities are open here that call for earnest and prayerful attention and study. It would not recommend the organization of an Inner Mission Society in the congregation, but it would suggest the importance of introducing the Inner Mission spirit and leaven into the societies that already exist. An Inner Mission committee in each society, all in close touch with the pastor and trained to do valuable service among the sick, the distressed, the poor, and the stranger within the gates, would prove to be a powerful factor in the spiritual life of the congregation. The members of these various committees should belong to the larger Inner Mission Society in the city and thus keep abreast of the larger problems that confront the Church. Until this important branch of Christian service touches and permeates the life of the congregation in much larger measure than is the case at present, we will look in vain for any pronounced advance along Inner Mission lines in our Church.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Committee be encouraged to arrange for the holding of at least five Inner Mission Institutes every year, one within the territory of each local branch, and one at some central point of a more general character.

2. That the authorities of the Colleges and Theological Seminaries of the General Council be asked to provide for instruction in the principles and practice of Inner Missions.

3. That our several Deaconess Motherhouses be requested to arrange special courses for the instruction of women in Christian work.

4. That this Committee be instructed to recommend to the next meeting of the General Council some plan by which men can be trained for similar work, after the manner of the Diakonenhaeuser of Europe.

5. That the officers of this Committee be made a sub-committee to secure Inner Mission information for dissemination in the Church Review, The Lutheran and other publications of the Church.

On motion, the Chairman and acting secretary were authorized to sign the report for the committee.

G. W. SANDT, *President.*
J. F. OHL, *Secretary.*

LAWS TO PROTECT HOME LIFE.

Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, D.D., offered, and the Council adopted the following:

Inasmuch as the home life of our nation is being imperiled by the in-

creasing frequency of divorce, the alarming spread of sexual diseases, and consequent deaths, the lax enforcement of law and the resulting increase of crime; be it

Resolved, That this General Council, representing some 500,000 members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, earnestly appeals to the executives of the several States of the Union to see to it that the laws referring to the morality of our people, especially the young, be more rigidly enforced, and that our legislatures be urged to pass more stringent laws for the protection of the home life of the nation and the prevention of crime.

Resolved, further, That the officers of this General Council, with the co-operation of the Inner Mission Committee, be instructed to carry out the above resolution.

The Church Book matters were further discussed. See Second Session.

The Board was elected.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Albert T. Siebert, D.D., of Germantown, Ohio.

NINTH SESSION.

Tuesday, 2 p. m.

The Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus.D., of Philadelphia, offered the opening prayer.

The Minutes of the Eighth Session were read and approved.

The Report on Minutes and Abstracts finished. See First Session.

Church Book matters were concluded. See Second Session.

ELECTION OF BOARDS, ETC.

The President appointed Messrs. F. D. Bittner, C. W. Fuhr, Swan Nelson and Erland Lind as tellers.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Johnston it was

Resolved, That the former action, by which the Foreign Mission Board was increased to seventeen members, be rescinded, and that the number be established at sixteen.

The elections resulted as follows:

I. Board of English Home Missions.

Rev. Samuel Laird, D. D.	Mr. F. D. Bittner.
" G. W. Sandt, D.D.	" W. H. Hager.
" J. E. Whitteker, D.D.	" A. C. Albrecht.
E. Aug. Miller, Esq.	

(*Elected by the Synods.*)

Rev. I. Chantry Hoffman, Ministerium of Pennsylvania; Rev. A. L. Yount, D.D., Pittsburgh Synod; Rev. W. G. Dressler, D.D., District Synod of Ohio; Rev. A. D. Crile, Chicago Synod; Rev. A. J. Reichert, English Synod of the Northwest; Rev. E. G. Lund, D.D., Pacific Synod; Rev. H. P. Miller, Synod of New York and New England; Rev. M. J. Bieber, Central Canada Synod.

II. Board of German Home Missions.

Rev. C. R. Tappert.
" J. J. Kuendig, D.D.
" E. C. J. Kraeling.
" E. Hoffmann.
" G. A. Benze.
" H. D. E. Siebott.
" G. C. Berkemeier, D.D.
" J. Nicum, D.D.

Rev. H. R. Erdmann.
Mr. Martin Wulff.
" Wm. P. M. Braun.
" Fred. Kracke.
" Ernest C. Muncke.
" G. F. Anger.
" J. G. Dangler.

III. Board of Swedish Home Missions.

Rev. E. Norelius, D.D., R.N.O.
" L. A. Johnston, D.D.
" P. J. Brodine, D.D.
" L. G. Abrahamson, D.D., R.N.O.
" Prof. C. E. Lindberg, D.D., R.N.O.

Rev. E. K. Johnson.
Prof. C. W. Foss, Ph.D.
Mr. C. A. Larson.
" August Hanson.

IV. Board of Foreign Missions.

Rev. Edw. T. Horn, D.D., LL.D.
" R. C. G. Bielinski.
" Prof. C. T. Benze, D.D.
" S. C. Franzen

Rev. M. C. Ranseen, D.D.
Mr. William F. Monroe.
Prof. C. W. Foss, Ph.D.
Mr. James M. Snyder.

V. Porto Rico Mission Board.

Rev. J. L. Smith, D.D.
" E. Belfour, D.D.
" W. J. Miller, D.D.
" A. F. Lundquist.
" Julius Hulteen.

Mr. W. Warren Wattles.
" William Steinmeyer.
" J. S. Seaman, Sr.
" C. W. Fuhr.

VI. Board of Slav. Missions.

Rev. J. O. Schlenker.
" G. A. Benze.
" J. C. Rausch.
" H. R. Erdmann.

Rev. W. M. Rehrig, Ph.D.
" E. A. Trabert.
Mr. H. E. Young.
" Chas. A. Worsley.
" J. M. Reed.

VII. Board of Publication.

For Four Years.

Rev. G. C. F. Haas, D.D.
Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph.D., LL.D.
Mr. James N. Mohr.
" G. E. Schlegelmilch.
" Geo. D. Boschen.

For Two Years.

(To fill vacancy.)
Rev. J. W. Horine.

VIII. Board of Immigrant Missions.

Rev. G. C. F. Haas, D.D.
" A. Richter.
" J. J. Heischman, D.D.
" J. A. Weyl.
" D. W. Peterson.
" J. C. R. Luehrs.
" W. T. Junge.
Rev. H. W. Hoffmann, D.D.
" J. W. Loch, Ph.D.
" Christian G. Fischer.
Mr. Martin Wulff.
" Fred. Kracke.
" John H. Boschen.
" Peter Reppenhagen.
" W. C. Hauff.

IX. Trustees of the General Council.

For Two Years.

E. Aug. Miller, Esq.
Mr. W. F. Monroe.
Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph.D., LL.D.

For Three Years.

Hon. Wm. H. Staake.
Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D.
Mr. W. H. Hager.

X. Board of Education.

Rev. Prof. R. F. Weidner, D.D., LL.D.
" Prof. G. A. Andreen, Ph. D.
" Prof. C. M. Esbjorn.
" Prof. J. A. W. Haas, D.D.
" Prof. C. G. Youngert, Ph.D.
" Prof. L. H. Beck, Ph.D.
" J. W. Horine.
" Fritz Jacobson, Ph.D.
Rev. W. A. Beates.
" G. J. Gongaware.
Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph.D., LL.D.
Rev. H. D. Spaeth.
" A. T. Crile.
" C. M. Jacobs.
Mr. Henry Deininger.

XI. Editorial Staff of German Organ.

Editor-in-Chief—Rev. Gottlieb C. Berkemeier, D.D.

Assistant Editors.

Rev. A. Hellwege (who resigned, and whose place is filled by Dr. H. Offermann).
Rev. H. Rembe.
" Hugo R. Erdmann.
" Martin Ruccius.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Jacobs:

Resolved, 1. That the heartfelt thanks of the General Council be communicated to the pastor and congregation of Salem Church, and to the pastors and members of other congregations in this city, for their generous hospitality during the meetings of this convention.

2. That especial acknowledgment be made of the additional kindness

that provided for the delightful excursion on Saturday afternoon on Lake Minnetonka.

3. That the Council further expresses its grateful appreciation of the faithful and frequent services of the organist and choir of this congregation that have contributed largely to the edification of our public worship, and to the pleasure of the members of this Council.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1911 CONVENTION.

On motion of Dr. Berkemeier:

Resolved, That, prior to the meeting of the Council, the President of the General Council appoint a committee of three, of which he shall be chairman, to prepare a program for all the services, meetings and social gatherings in connection with the Convention of the Council, the Committee to co-operate with the pastor loci.

On motion of Dr. Fry:

Resolved, That the officers arrange for a seven-day program.

On motion of Dr. Haupt:

Resolved, That the Committee on Program of the next Convention be requested to devote one evening to the consideration of Inner Mission cause, especially with reference to the rescue work.

On motion of Dr. Jacobs:

Resolved, That the President and Recording Secretaries be authorized, in case it commend itself to their mature judgment, to convene the next Convention of the Council on the Wednesday instead of the Thursday of the week determined by the Council.

On motion of Dr. Trabert:

Resolved, That the time be the second week in September, 1911.

Invitations for the next convention were received from the First Church and Christ Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Holy Trinity, Lancaster, Pa. A ballot being necessary the Revs. J. L. Becker, E. F. Keever, A. Appell and C. Christenson were appointed tellers. They reported the selection of Holy Trinity, Lancaster, Pa., which was made unanimous.

The Rev. Dr. Spaeth presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELATION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL TO THE GENERAL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONFERENCE IN EUROPE.

In our last report on the relation of the General Council to the General Lutheran Conference in Europe(See Minutes of 1907, p. 301), we had to

refer to certain difficulties threatening the very existence of the General Conference, which for forty years had been a tower of strength and a bond of union for the scattered and distracted members of our Lutheran Zion in Germany. During the last two years things have rapidly come to a crisis. In spite of the warnings and protests of a very respectable minority, the Lutherans in the Union-State-Church were admitted to full voting membership of the "Engere Konferenz" of the General Conference. Its Constitution has been changed so as to exclude both Lutherans in the Union, and representatives and members of Lutheran Free Churches, from the actual government of the Conference. This action of the majority has led to a rupture. A Lutheran League (Lutherischer Bund), has been organized by those who were opposed to the above-mentioned changes. It claims at present a membership of about 350.

In October, 1908, a Convention of the General Conference was held in the city of Hanover. The first president, Professor Ihmels, of Leipzig, sent a most cordial and urgent invitation to the chairman of your committee to attend that meeting. But the letter, dated August 5, 1908, only reached its destination on January 16, 1909. The General Council was not represented at Hannover. But inasmuch as it had, up to this time, taken no action towards dissolving its official connection with the General Conference, it was thought right and proper that our annual contribution to the treasury of the General Conference should be paid up for the last four years. This was done, as the report of our treasurer will show.

Now, however, the time seems to have arrived when the General Council must come to a decision, whether it will continue its connection with the General Conference or break it off.

A. Spaeth, *Chairman.*
G. C. Berkemeier,
H. Offermann.

The report was adopted as a whole.

On motion of Dr. Spaeth,

Resolved, 1. That this General Council approve of the attitude of our representatives in the "Engere Konferenz" in raising a voice of warning against the change of the constitution of the General Evangelical Lutheran Conference.

2. That while the General Council, at this moment, is not ready to break off its official connection with the General Evangelical Lutheran Conference its representatives in that body be and are herewith instructed to urge upon the General Conference a reconsideration of the recent constitutional changes, which have given so much offence, so that its representative and legislative character may be given up and, avoiding all entangling alliances, it may simply form a free Evangelical Conference or Congress of Lutherans, who accept ex animo the Confessions of our Church.

The Rev. Dr. Hunton presented the

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK COMMITTEE.

The Sunday-School Work Committee of the General Council believes that a closer connection between the Congregation and the School, so that the membership of the School is led directly into the Congregation and into its work, and so that the work of the School and its studies are more immediately under the supervision of the Congregation, would be desirable. But this result cannot be brought about unless the Church Council of the Congregation considers the School as one department of its regular work, and unless those who thoroughly understand the School and its work become a part of the Church Council. The work of the School, and the work of the Congregation should be one work, and the activities of the former should train and lead directly into the latter.

A work of School instruction is being prepared which will be published as early as possible, and which will be a full explanation of the principles of the Graded System and of our Lutheran ideal of pedagogy, as well as a manual of training for normal teaching. It is hoped to publish the book as a whole and in parts, the former as a complete standard treatment of the subject, and the latter for use in class work among teachers, and those who desire to understand various portions of the Graded System.

During the past two years Dr. W. L. Hunton has been appointed editor of "Young Folks" in place of Dr. G. W. Sandt, and Dr. Wackernagel has been appointed the Committee's editor of the "Jugendfreund," which the Board of Publication, in accordance with the instructions of the General Council, has purchased from private parties, and which has become a part of our German Sunday-School work system.

The Committee recommends that the General Council request each of its Synods to prepare such a uniform set of Sunday-School statistics as will enable the Sunday-School work of the Council to be shown in a more reliable and uniform manner than has hitherto been the case. It recommends the following rubrics: Number of Schools in the Synod, number of Schools sending in reports, number of Schools that meet all the year round, number of Schools whose teachers actually prepare the lesson, number of Schools whose scholars actually study the lesson, number of Schools who have a department for training teachers, number of Schools that have separate primary teachers.

Number of Schools that have In Mother's Arms or Cradle Roll Department, number of Schools that have a Home Department, number of Scholars that have been confirmed within the last year, number of Scholars that are baptized members of the Congregation, number of Scholars that are unbaptized, number of Adult Scholars that are unconfirmed, number of Schools the length of whose session is at least one hour and a half,

average percentage of attendance, number of Schools that use the General Council Graded System.

Resolved, That the Committee on Sunday-School Work be and is hereby instructed to continue the preparation, and the Publication Board the publication, of all Sunday-school apparatus now in use and that the Board of Publication pay the same amounts, at the same times as heretofore to the committee for expenses, as provided for by the Council in past years.

2. That the action of the Council, authorizing the committee to publish such other literature as in the judgment of the committee will prove financially justifiable, be reaffirmed.

3. That the action of the Council, two years ago, giving the committee authority to make such changes in all new editions of its apparatus as it may deem advisable, be reaffirmed.

4. That the issue of the joint Sunday-school paper be continued, and that the Committee and Board be authorized to unite with the publishing houses of other Lutheran bodies in continuing the issue of such a paper, upon terms clear and explicit, each Committee and Board to keep its issue strictly under its own control.

Respectfully submitted by

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Dr. Spaeth presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEACONESS WORK.

The present report of your Committee on Deaconess Work is of peculiar interest in view of the fact that this year marks the 60th anniversary of the first attempt made by the late Dr. W. A. Passavant, to introduce the Female Diaconate into this country, and also the 25th anniversary of the arrival of a colony of Sisters from Iserlohn, Germany, which led to the successful establishment of the Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses. Since that date the Female Diaconate has taken root in America, not only in our own Church, but also in other Protestant denominations and has proved a blessing to hundreds of thousands who have enjoyed its ministrations in Hospitals, in Home for the Orphans' and the Aged, in the Christian Kindergarten, in parish work, and even in Foreign Mission fields. The number of women engaged in this work may, at this time, be estimated to be about 1,750, 313 of whom are Lutheran, and 173 are in direct connection with our General Council.

While this number is far from what it should be to meet even the most urgent calls coming to our Motherhouses from various parts of the Church, we are very much encouraged by the progress made within the past years and confidently look forward to an ever-increasing interest in this blessed work on the part of our people and to the active co-operation of our pastors. The growth of the Diaconate means the growing efficiency of the

Church in reaching the unchurched masses and the successful solution of many problems of Inner Mission work.

The Seventh Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Motherhouses in the United States was held in the Mary J. Drexel Home and Motherhouse of Deaconesses, Philadelphia, Pa., on April 21st and 22d, 1908. The following Motherhouses were officially represented: Philadelphia, Milwaukee, Omaha (Swedish), Baltimore, Brooklyn (Norwegian), St. Paul (Swedish).

A number of papers were read and discussed on the following themes: Some peculiar difficulties confronting the development of the Deaconess Cause in America, Rev. E. F. Bachmann; Loehe's Influence upon the Deaconess Work, Dr. A. Spaeth; Could the scope of our work be wisely enlarged by establishing a special class of helpers, other than Deaconesses, closely connected with the Motherhouse? Dr. Chas. E. Hay; A brief history of the Lutheran Motherhouses of Deaconesses in America, Rev. Hermann L. Fritschel.

The attention of the Conference was called to a resolution of the General Council, passed at the convention in Buffalo, 1907, "That the General Council request the General Conference of Deaconess Motherhouses to pay special attention to the subject of educating teachers for Christian Kindergarten work and to submit its recommendations to the Committee on Education before the next Convention of the General Council." It was resolved, that the secretary be instructed to communicate to the Committee on Education, what the Conference had done in this matter (see Conference Report, 1897), and what the different Deaconess Motherhouses are doing to provide for the training of such young women as wish to take a course for Kindergarten work.

It was resolved that the General Conference of Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouses in the United States shall meet hereafter regularly every second year on Tuesday and Wednesday after Easter. For the next meeting,, Easter, 1910, the invitation of the Omaha Motherhouse was accepted.

The latest statistics of Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouses in the United States, presented by the Secretary of the General Conference, the Rev. Hermann L. Fritschel, are as follows:

	SISTERS	STATIONS
Philadelphia	72	18
Milwaukee	42	8
Baltimore	33	11
Brooklyn	25	2
Omaha	40	16
St. Paul	19	3
Minneapolis	27	7
Chicago	51	18
Brush, Col.	4	2
Total	313 Sisters on	85 Stations.

These Sisters labor in the following branches of Deaconess work:

In 28 parishes, as Parish Deaconesses; in 21 Hospitals, in 9 Homes for the Aged, in 8 Orphans' Homes, 4 in Foreign Mission Fields (China and Madagascar), in 3 Kindergartens, in 2 Schools for the training of Kindergarten Teachers, in 1 Girls' School, in 1 Home for Young Women, in 1 Ladies' Hall (College), in 1 Home for Epileptics, in 1 Home for Incurables, in 1 Sanatorium for Consumptives, in 1 Dispensary for Treatment of Tuberculosis, in 1 Settlement Work, in 1 City Relief Work, in 1 Immigrant Mission Work, New York.

Your Committee respectfully recommends the following action:

Resolved, 1. That the General Council extends to the Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses its hearty congratulations on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the arrival of its first Sisters from Germany, and thereby gives official recognition of the importance of the French Diaconate for our Church in this country.

2. That our pastors be requested to present the Deaconess cause to their congregations, particularly the Young People's Societies, before the close of this anniversary year, and that the Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses be urged to furnish the necessary historical data to every pastor in the General Council.

Two members of your committee, both devoted friends of the Deaconess cause, and both belonging to the Augustana Synod, Drs. Sven P. A. Lindahl and Carl A. Evald, departed this life since the last convention of the General Council, and these vacancies should be properly filled.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee,

A. Spaeth,
J. F. Ohl,
E. F. Bachmann,
H. W. Roth.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Dr. Berkemeier presented the

REPORT OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE CARE OF GERMAN SEAMEN IN THE PORT OF NEW YORK.

It does not seem feasible at present to spend a considerable sum of money for traveling expenses. We therefore respectfully submit our report in writing to your venerable body, as follows:

Only two years ago our work in this country was started. Still we have by the grace of God great results to show. Rev. W. Thun was sent over by the "Lutheran Home Mission Society of Hannover" to explore the field. He found it so ripe for the harvest that he began action at once. He interested not only some prominent clerical and lay members of the New York Ministerium, but also the large German steamship companies and the representative of the German empire.

We have come to stay, and our work has proven its necessity by its brisk activity and glorious success. It has reached and benefited 25,000 of the 100,000 German sailors, stewards, machinists, trimmers, and so on, who yearly visit the port of New York. Our house has gained and is more and more gaining the confidence of the men who need counsel, guidance, and protection against numerous and dangerous temptations, against fraud and swindling in many ways. On an average more than two thousand visitors crowded our reading rooms every month. Over a thousand attended divine services in our chapel or on board during the last six months. Over three thousand letters were received and delivered to sailors or sent home to the Fatherland; 250 ships were visited by the seamen's pastor and his deacons. Also numerous hospitals in New York City, Brooklyn, Hoboken and on Staten Island, where over one thousand patients were provided with wholesome spiritual and intellectual food. All this in the last six months.

One of our aims is to prevent the sailors from spending their hard-earned money foolishly or harmfully, but either save it or send it home to their families. Very gratifying progress is shown also in this direction,—$10,500 so far over against $8,600 during the previous year. At our social evenings we never had less than 100 men present. Occasional excursions under the personal supervision of the seamen's pastor to points of interest in the neighborhood were in great favor. Our congregations or institutions in the neighboring towns and villages very hospitably cared for the tired travelers, a kindness which was indeed deeply appreciated. The spirit and conduct of our men in the home as well as on all other occasions is thoroughly proper and faultless. We do not need to prove any more the willingness, yea, anxiety of our sailors to be brought into decent company, have pleasant and wholesome recreation, have other and better pastime and entertainment, than walking the streets and frequenting the rum-shops. We do not need to refute the thoughtless and nasty talk of some people, that the coarse and heedless sailor does not care for anything but drinking and brawling, carousing and fighting.

Great and overwhelming as our success has been, we could do infinitely more, were we not handicapped by a heavy mortgage and by the pressing need for more room. Just now the house next door could be bought, a great and irreparable opportunity which ought not to be lost. We cannot accommodate all who call upon us. We ought to open new fields which cry for our help. We ought to have more laborers in the field. Many good and faithful members in our churches have been seafaring men. Many a man has been saved from ruin, many a mother's and wife's heart has been made glad by the efforts of the seamen's mission. We ask your venerable body to support us by your interest and your recommendation. Our society is incorporated according to the laws of the State of New

York. An Executive Board, responsible to the society, and appointed by it, attends to the current business. The officers are:

President—Pastor A. Richter.

Vice President—Dr. G. C. Berkemeier.

Treasurer—Mr. Geo. G. Gravenhorst.

Secretary—Dr. Hugo W. Hoffmann.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Brinker, *Seamen's Pastor.*

Pastor A. Richter, *President.*

The report was accepted and ordered to be spread on the Minutes.

On motion of Dr. Berkemeier:

Resolved, That we rejoice to hear of the wonderful success of the work of the Seamen's Mission in the harbor of New York, that we appreciate the great importance of the work, and that we invoke God's blessing upon it for the future.

The motion of Rev. L. D. Reed on the Church Book was finally acted on. See Second Session. For a motion of Rev. A. D. Crile see the same session.

After prayer by Rev. H. H. Bruning, D.D., of White Haven, Pa., the Council adjourned.

TENTH SESSION

Tuesday, September 1, 7.30 p. m.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, of Bethlehem, Pa.

The Minutes of the Ninth Session were read and adopted.

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST.

The only accessions of value to the General Council archives during the past biennium have been the following:

1. The General Council Protocol beginning with the Chicago Convention in 1899.

2. Minutes of Indiana Synod from 1871 to 1895, when the Chicago Synod was formed.

3. The missing copy of 1903 Minutes of the Synod of the Northwest was sent in by the Secretary, thus making the set complete.

4. Complete set of Minutes of the New York and New England Synod.

Thus far the only Synods that have furnished the archives with a complete set of Minutes are the New York and New England Synod and the Synod of the Northwest. The missing numbers of the Pittsburgh Synod

Minutes are those from 1864 to 1869, 1875, 1881, and 1882; the rest have all been furnished. Your archivist is desirous of knowing whether there is not some way in which, during the coming biennium, complete sets of Minutes from all the Synods except the two above mentioned may be secured for the archives and kept complete afterwards.

It would seem, too, that historical matter of a documentary character should come to the archives without solicitation. Will not the Council remind its delegates that its archives are waiting to receive matter of permanent and historic value? GEO. W. SANDT.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The Transportation Committee would respectfully report that owing to the Inter-state rules no special rates were possible for this convention.

An effort was made to arrange a trip by daylight for Eastern delegates; but circumstances over which the committee had no control prevented the full success of the trip.

By private arrangements delegates from New York had a special concession; but this was not general.

It is worthy of note that while there were no special rates, the present regular rates are less than the convention rate of former years.

W. L. HUNTON.
O. E. PFLUEGER.

The report was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Keiter:

Resolved, That all action taken under a Report appear directly under the original document with a reference to the session in which the action was taken.

On motion of Mr. Irwin G. Romich:

Resolved, That, as had been done previously, this General Council pay one-half of the car fare of the clerical delegates of the Pacific Synod to the last convention of the General Council held at Buffalo.

On motion of the Rev. A. Steimle:

Resolved, That the same action be taken in regard to the clerical delegates of the Nova Scotia and Manitoba Synods.

For a Resolution on the Duties of the Finance Committee see pages 60 and 124.

On motion of Mr. A. C. Albrecht,

Resolved, That the apportionments stand but that the amounts be omitted.

REPORT OF OFFICIAL VISITORS,

Reports of Official Visitors being in order, that of the visitor to the United Synod in the South was ordered to be spread on the

Minutes, and with reference to the report of the Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., it was on motion of Rev. Mr. Drach,

Resolved, That the General Council approves the course taken by the Official Visitor to the United Danish Church.

On motion of Dr. Roth it was:

Resolved, That the fact of Dr. Frick's attendance as Official Visitor at the meeting of the United Danish Lutheran Church be noted,; that no record of his report be entered on the Minutes of the General Council, and that no Official Visitor be sent by the Council to the United Danish Church.

For the Report of the Official Visitor to the General Synod, see the Fifth Session.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE UNITED SYNOD SOUTH.

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America:

On account of the illness of Rev. J. L. Smith, D.D., of Pittsburgh, Pa., the regularly appointed delegate of the General Council to the United Synod South, the duty as well as the privilege of that office was assigned to his alternate, the undersigned.

Consequently your delegate, bearing the greetings of almost half a million Lutherans of the North, visited the eleventh convention of that body, which was held in the Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., October 7-10, 1909. The announcement of his arrival was followed by his introduction to the convention and the privileges of the floor. Friday morning, at ten o'clock, was set aside to hear his greetings, which were listened to with marked interest and appreciation. In his address, your delegate congratulated the United Synod on its fidelity to the standards of true Lutheranism, its conservative methods in advancing the kingdom of the Master, its missionary activity and zeal, both at home and abroad, and its generous support of its educational institutions. He assured them of the Council's interest in their work, sympathy in their struggles, delight in their progress, hope in their future, and readiness to co-operate with them in every legitimate way.

Your delegate, as the official visitor of the General Council, was received with special consideration and most courteously treated. The Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., President of the United Synod, replied to your greetings in a happy and elaborate speech, dwelling especially upon the historic importance of the place where the convention was held and the fraternal relations existing between the two bodies.

It was also the privilege of your delegate to preach the Sunday morning sermon in the Church of the Ascension.

The United Synod South is an important and time-honored body—some of its district Synods dating as far back as 1803. Its field of operation, the great Southern land, is fraught with magnificent prospects and almost countless possibilities for the future development of our beloved Church. Its members, fully realizing the vastness of their mission, are full of faith, courage and activity. There was a seriousness and earnestness running through all their proceedings which gave evidence of the profound conviction that they were engaged in God's work. There has been nothing sensational or phenomenal in the history of the United Synod. Its work has been quiet, silent, thorough, and fruitful. One of the marked features has been the emphasis laid on the ordinary means of grace.

The bonds between the General Council and the United Synod are very close. There is much in which the interest is common. They stand for the same glorious Confession and great cause. In an age of doubt, scepticism, and negation both emphasize the authority of God's Word. And the mutual agreement between the two bodies to clasp hands and co-operate in the Home Mission work in Alabama, as well as in the foreign field, Japan, is additional evidence of our unity of faith, spirit and good will.

The United Synod is doing a great work in a great field. It is solving many difficult problems, and is carrying the standards of pure Lutheranism into many homes, communities, and cities where a generation ago they were unknown.

Respectfully submitted,

I. O. Baker.

Upon the report of the Nominating Committee the following were elected:

OFFICIAL VISITORS.

To the General Synod:

Rev. John E. Whitteker, D.D., Primarius.
Rev. John C. Seegers, D.D., Secundus.

To the United Synod of the South:

Rev. Prof. Alfred Ramsey, D.D., Primarius.
Rev. George W. Sandt, D.D., Secundus.

To the Icelandic Synod:

Rev. Theo. E. Schmauk, D.D., Primarius.
Rev. Prof. Henry E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., Secundus.

To the German Synod of Iowa:

Rev. Adolph Spaeth, D.D., LL.D., Primarius.
Rev. Gottlieb C. Berkemeier, D.D., Secundus.

TEXT OF LUTHER'S CATECHISM.

Rev. Dr. Trabert offered the following:

Resolved, That in all subsequent editions of the Church Book, the Sun-

day-school Book, and the Sunday-school Literature, the revised text of Luther's Small Catechism, adopted by the General Council as the Standard Edition of said Catechism at the Convention held in Chicago, October, 1899, be introduced.

On motion of Dr. Kunzmann:

Resolved, That this resolution be referred to the Church Book Committee with the suggestion that at any joint meetings with other Bodies they take up the subject with the idea of making such changes as will finally bring about a perfect translation.

The "Form of a Call" in the Church Book Committee's report was adopted. See Second Session.

The Council ordered the following spread on the Minutes:

REPORT OF LUTHERAN CHURCH BOOK AND LITERATURE SOCIETY.

To the President and Members of the General Council:

Reverend Fathers and Brethren: The "Lutheran Church Book and Literature Society" respectfully presents the following report for your consideration:

During the last two years the Society has distributed 344 Church Books and 25 Sunday-school Books, making a total of 794 Church Books and 206 Sunday-school Books that have been sent to 33 missions and three charitable institutions, since the Society was organized in 1905.

A fourth tract, bearing the title, "Must I Give to the Church?" has been published, and, like the previous tracts, has met with a large sale. A total of 82,750 tracts have so far been printed, nearly all of which have gone into circulation.

As the work of the Society is far beyond its means, it asks the active support of the pastors and laity of the General Council, particularly in adding to the membership of the Society.

The following constitute the officers and Board of Managers

The Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus.D., President.

The Rev. A. C. Carty, Vice President.

Mr. H. M. Dern, Recording Secretary.

The Rev. John C. Mattes, Corresponding Secretary.

E. Clarence Miller, Esq., Treasurer.

The Revs. G. W. Sandt, D.D., W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., Theo. E. Schmauk, D.D., G. H. Trabert, D.D., G. W. Mechling, D.D., G. F. Spieker, D.D., W. K. Frick, D.D., A. J. D Haupt, D.D., E. T. Horn, D.D., Luther D. Reed, Gomer C. Rees.

Messrs. Howard W. Lewis, James H. Wolfe, H. K. Kurtz, E. R. Artman, William Benbow, Prof. L. M. Haupt, Sc.D., J. Harvey Wattles, Prof.

C. A. Marks, Mus.D., Louis Van Gilluwe, Henry Hodges, George S. Opp.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. MATTES, *Corresponding Secretary.*

On motion

Resolved, That the Committee on Statistics being unable to report at this time, be permitted to hand their Report to the Recording Secretaries for insertion in the Minutes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

The Committee on Statistics respectfully presents the following summary of statistics of the Synods connected with this body, for the years 1908 and 1909, and of the educational and charitable institutions directly or indirectly under the control of the District Synods connected with this Body.

It is a matter of gratification to be able to report the organization of a new Synod, which unites with this body at this convention. The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada, temporarily organized at Guelph, November 10, 1908, was regularly organized in Broadway Hall, the temporary church home of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Toronto, Canada, on Wednesday, May 26, 1909. The new Synod is composed of fifteen congregations, served by six pastors. The majority of the congregations uniting in the formation of the Synod were organized during the past three years, as the result of the three years' labors of the Eastern Field Missionary. The new Synod is organized on a constitution based on that of the Synod of New York and New England, of which a majority of its pastors and congregations were formerly members; it pledges $1,000 for the coming year's general missionary development and reports several new fields about to be organized. This is the fourth Synod in Canada. It never was a Conference. It is truly a missionary Synod, and is the thirteenth General Council Synod. The officers are: The Rev. M. J. Bieber, Toronto, President; the Rev. H. A. Kunkle, Guelph, Secretary; and Mr. C. H. Fierhaller, Toronto, Treasurer.

The statistics of the Synods of the Council for the year 1908, according to the figures given in the "Lutheran Church Almanac," for the year 1909, are as follows: 12 Synods, 1,546 ministers, 2,344 congregations, and 465,212 communicant members; 2,101 Sunday-schools, 28,589 officers and teachers, and 258,339 scholars; 749 parochial schools, 698 teachers, and 27,219 pupils. The benevolent contributions for the year amounted to $395,251.76.

The statistics for the year 1909, according to the figures kindly furnished by the editor of the Almanac, the Rev. W. M. Kopenhaver, are as follows (including the Synod of Central Canada): 13 Synods, 1,556 ministers, 2,416 congregations, and 471,844 communicant members; 1,240 Sunday-schools, 27,566 officers and teachers, and 259,128 scholars. The benevolent contributions amount to $489,743.19.

In connection with the Synods of the General Council there are: 3 Theological Seminaries, 8 Colleges, 8 Academies, 6 Hospitals, 12 Orphans' Homes, 8 Homes for the Aged, Asylums, etc.; 4 Hospices, 5 Immigrant and Seamen's Missions, and 4 Deaconess Institutions.

The educational institutions, numbering 19, aggregate property valued at $1,835,606, endowment amounting to $851,757, employing 242 professors and instructors, and having 3,662 students, of whom 378 have the ministry in view.

The charitable institutions, numbering 39, aggregate property valued at $2,717,330, endowment amounting to $190,189, and caring for 20,313 inmates.

This shows a total value of property and endowment for educational and charitable purposes amounting to $5,694,882.

The General Council statistics in tabular form for insertion in the Minutes of this body, are herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. Ochsenford.
J. Nicum.

PUBLICATION OF DR. SCHMAUK'S SERMON.

On motion of the Rev. G. H. Schnur the following was adopted:

Whereas, Many of the delegates present at this Convention have expressed their conviction that the sermon of our worthy President should be distributed among our people, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be instructed to publish the same in tract form, to take the necessary steps to secure at popular prices the widest possible circulation of the same in all parts of our General Council.

The Rev. Dr. Spaeth presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH MUSIC.

At the call of your Committee an Church Music the Fifth Convocation of Church Musicians was held at Allentown, Penna., on June 10, 1908, the day before the annual meeting of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. It proved to be the best attended meeting we ever had and altogether one of the most successful ones.

Papers were presented and discussed on the following subjects:

J. Sebastion Bach and Church Music, by Dr. A. Spaeth.

Milton on Music, by Sigmund G. Spaeth, A.M., Princeton University.

Instrumental Music in the Church, by Dr. F. F. Buermeyer, Reading, Pa.

Secular Influences on Church Music, by Prof. William Benbow, Reading, Pa.

The Convocation closed with an exquisite rendering of Palestrina's Marcello Mass, by Professor Marks' Palestrina Choir.

Your Committee resolved to recommend to the General Council that it take steps for the preparation of uniform music for our liturgical service, and that a sub-committee of three decide on the principle on which the service is to be arranged.

One sub-committee, consisting of Dr. J. F. Ohl, Prof. C. A. Marks and Prof. Emanuel Schmauk, was charged to draw up a list of churchly anthems that have already been published and can be recommended to our choirs.

Another sub-committee, consisting of Drs. J. F. Ohl and A. Spaeth, was charged with preparing and publishing a series of churchly anthems which were thus far never furnished with English texts. The Board of Publication has undertaken the publication of such a series, of which the following numbers have appeared:

No. 1.—A mighty Fortress is our God, J. Eccard. (In five parts.)
No. 2.—Shepherd of Israel, Dem. Bortniansky.
No. 3.—Rejoice, rejoice, ye Christians, L. Schroeter. (Christmas.)
No. 4.—Darkness covered all the earth, Palestrina. (Good Friday.)

Respectfully submitted,

A. Spaeth,
J. F. Ohl,
Geo. C. F. Haas,
H. H. Bruning,
W. M. Rehrig,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Steimle,

Resolved, That the President of the General Council be added to the Committee on German International Conference.

On motion of Dr. Kunzmann,

Resolved, That the sympathy of this Body be by a rising vote extended to the Rev. Dr. Samuel Laird, detained from this Convention by sickness.

COMMITTEE ON "THE DIGEST," OR "THE GENERAL COUNCIL BOOK."

Rev. Dr. Jacobs stated that the material was in his possession, but that the committee needed reconstruction. On motion of Rev. Mr. Weller

Resolved, That the Committee be reconstructed by naming a chairman from among the members.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

1. *On Ministerial Pension Fund.*—Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., Rev. G. C.

F. Haas, D.D., Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D., Rev. H. O. Lindeblad, Rev. F. C. Oberly, Hon. C. A. Smith, Mr. Charles Schimmelfeng.

2. *The Kropp Commission.*—Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., President of General Council; Rev. C. R. Tappert, member of the German Home Mission Board; Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling, member of German Home Mission Board; Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D., member of German Home Mission Board; Rev. A. Spaeth, D.D., Professor in Philadelphia Theological Seminary; Rev. H. W. Hoffmann, D.D., New York Ministerium; Rev. H. D. E. Siebott, Pennsylvania Ministerium; Rev. H. Hoffmann, Canada Synod; Rev. G. A. Benze, Pittsburgh Synod.

3. *Finance Committee.*—Mr. W. H. Hager, Hon. C. A. Smith, Mr. C. B. Opp, Mr. Frank C. Hemsing, O. J. Waters, M.D., Mr. W. Nelson.

4. *Transportation.*—Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D., Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, D.D., Rev. A. C. Anda, Rev. F. Jacobson, Ph.D.

5. *Committee to Formulate a Plan for Uniform Statistical Tables.*—Rev. A. D. Crile, Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, D.D., Rev. J. Nicum, D.D., Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., Rev. C. J. Petri, D.D.

6. *Church Book Committee.*—Rev. Prof. A. Spaeth, D.D., LL.D., Rev. S. Laird, D.D., Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., Rev. Edw. T. Horn, D.D., LL.D., Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus.D., Rev. E. F. Keever, Rev. L. D. Reed, Rev. L. Holmes, D.D., L.H.D., Rev. C. T. Benze, D.D., Rev. C. B. Schuckhard, Rev. C. M. Esbjorn, Ph.D., Rev. M. C. Haberland, Rev. A. Steimle, and Rev. G. C. Rees.

7. *Committee on Sunday-school Work.*—Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., Rev. R. F. Weidner, D.D., LL.D., Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D.D., Rev. G. W. Sandt, D.D., Rev. H. W. Roth, D.D., Rev. G. W. Mechling, D.D., Rev. J. C. F. Rupp, Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., Rev. E. F. Bachmann, Rev. L. A. Johnston, D.D., Rev. C. T. Benze, D.D., Rev. A. Appell, Rev. F. C. Oberly, Prof. R. K. Buehrle, Ph.D., Prof. C. W. Foss, Ph.D.

8. *German Sub-Committee.*—Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., Rev. W. Wackernagel, D.D., Rev. A. Steinhaeuser.

9. *Committee on Statistics.*—Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, D.D., Rev. J. Nicum, D.D., Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D.

10. *Committee on Deaconess Work.*—Rev. A. Spaeth, D.D., Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus.D., Rev. P. M. Lindberg, Rev. E. Bachmann, Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., Rev. H. W. Roth, D.D., Rev. C. L. Fry, D.D., Rev. C. A. Hultkrans, Rev. S. G. Ohman, D.D., Rev. P. J. O. Cornell.

11. *Committee on General Conference in Europe.*—Rev. A. Spaeth, D.D., LL.D., Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling, Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D., Rev. Prof. G. A. Andreen, Ph.D., R.N.O., Rev. H. Offermann, D.D., Rev. M. Stolpe, D.D., R.N.O., Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., Rev. S. G. Oehman, D.D., Rev. J. Nicum, D.D., Reuben D. Wenrich, M.D.

12. *Committee on German Conference.*—Rev. Prof. A. Spaeth, D.D., LL.D., Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling, Rev. F. Veit, Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D., Rev. H. Offermann, D.D., Rev. J. Nicum, D.D., Rev. G. A. Benze.

13. *Committee on Lutheran Church Music.*—Rev. Prof. A. Spaeth, D.D., LL.D., Rev. G. C. F. Haas, D.D., Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus.D., Rev. H. H. Bruning, D.D., Rev. W. H. Rehrig, Ph.D., Rev. T. W. Kretschmann, Ph.D., Rev. F. K. Bernd, Prof. C. L. Marks, Prof. E. J. Schmauk, Prof. W. Benbow, Prof. Per. Olsson.

14. *Committee on Inner Missions.*—(To be appointed.)

15. *Committee on Publishing Digest or "The General Council Book."*—Rev. S. Laird, D.D., Rev. A. Spaeth, D.D., LL.D., Rev. J. Nicum, D.D., Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., Rev T. E. Schmauk, D.D., Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, D.D., Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., Rev. H. H. Bruning, D.D., Rev. H. A. Weller.

16. *Archivist.*—Rev. George W. Sandt, D.D.

17. *Special Committee on International Conference in Europe.*—Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., Rev. A. Spaeth, D.D., LL.D., Rev. J. Fry, D.D., Rev. G. C. F. Haas, D.D., and Rev. E. Norelius, D.D.

18. *Committee on Student Life in Non-Lutheran Schools of Higher Education.*—Rev. A. J. Reichert, Rev. A. T. Seashore, Rev. P. Peterson, Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., Rev. G. Nelson, Rev. H. R. Gold, Rev. P. H. Roth, Prof. C. G. Schultz, Erland Lind, Esq., Mr. L. A. Anderson, Prof. A. A. Stomberg and C. L. Trabert, Esq.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Ramsey, it was

Resolved, That two thousand copies of the English Minutes be printed.

The Minutes of the present session were read and adopted.

At 9.30 p. m. of the sixth day of the Convention, the General Council adjourned the brethren uniting in singing "A Mighty Fortress is our God," and the President closing the Convention according to the Order for the Closing of Synods.

"God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
And cause His face to shine upon us.

"That Thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations."

WILLIAM KELLER FRICK,
English Recording Secretary.

SPECIAL SERVICES AND MEETINGS.

Thursday Morning, Sept. 9.—Opening Service.

Morning Service, preceded by the Confessional Service. Conducted by the Secretaries of the General Council and the Presidents of the various Synods.

Sermon by the President, the Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D. Text, Luke 10:23-37. Theme, "The Blessed Eye, the Great Commandment, the Good Samaritan."

Administration of the Lord's Supper.

Thursday Evening.—Great Missionary Meeting, held in Augustana Swedish Church.

1. "The Field in India," by the Rev. John H. Harpster, D.D., of Rajahmundry, India.
2. "Our Stations in India," by Prof. Claude W. Foss, Ph.D., of Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill.
3. "Our People and Institutions in India," by the Rev. C. Theodore Benze, D.D., of Erie, Pa.
4. "The Field in Porto Rico," by the Rev. A. P. G. Anderson, of Bayamon, Porto Rico.
5. "Our Work in North America," by the Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., of Milwaukee, Wis.

Friday Afternoon, Sept. 10, *at* 4.30 *o'clock.*

Laymen's Meeting.

German Conference Meeting.

Friday Evening.—Educational Meeting in Salem Church.

1. "The Young Man in High and Preparatory School," by Prof. Charles G. Schultz, Superintendent of Public Instruction of Minnesota.
2. "The Young Man in College," by the Rev. Frederick A. Kaehler, D.D., Buffalo, N. Y.
3. "The Young Man in the Theological Seminary," by the Rev. Prof. George H. Gerberding, D.D., of the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Friday Evening.—Missionary Meeting, in St. Peter's German Church.

Altar Service by the Rev. M. Ruccius, President of the Manitoba Synod.

1. "Our Foreign Mission Work," by the Rev. Emil Hoffmann, President of the Canada Synod.
2. "Our Inner Mission Work," by the Rev. G. C. F. Berkemeyer, D.D., German Secretary of the General Council.
3. "The German Home Mission Field," by the Rev. C. Reinhold Tappert, President of the German Home Mission Board of the General Council.
4. "Educating Ministers for the Work," by the Rev. Henry Offermann, D.D., Professor-elect of the New York Ministerium in the Philadelphia Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Sunday Morning, Sept. 12.—Divine Service in Salem Church.

Liturgical Service, conducted by the Rev. A. L. Yount, D.D., of Greensburg, Pa.

Sermon by the Rev. Prof. Jacob L. Fry, D.D., of the Philadelphia Theological Seminary.

Sunday Afternoon.—Grand Lutheran Union Mass Meeting in the Auditorium.

Organ Recital by Mr. H. S. Woodruf.

1. Hymn 11, "Now Thank we all our God."
2. Prayer by the Rev. Henry W. Roth, D.D., Greenville, Pa.
3. Introductory Remarks by the President of the General Council.
4. "The Church and the World," by the Rev. William J. Miller, D.D., of Greensburg, Pa.
5. "Te Deum," by Dudley Buck.
6. "The Church and the Work," by the Rev. Carl J. Sodergren, Burlington, Iowa.
7. "The Heavens are Telling," by Haydn.
8. "The Church and Young Men," by the Rev. Gustav A. Benze, Erie, Pa.
9. "Gloria," by Mozart.
10. "The Laymen and the Future in the Church," by Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler, Ph.D., LL.D., of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.
11. Hymn, 274, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

Sunday Evening.—Service in Salem Church.

1. "The Lutheran Church and Young Men," Prof. O. F. H. Bert, of Thiel College, Greenville, Pa.
2. "The Problem of Congregational Life and Work and the Young People," by the Rev. John C. Seegers, D.D., Easton, Pa.
3. "The Coming Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Protestantism," by the Rev. John E. Whitteker, D.D., of Lancaster, Pa.

Sunday Evening.—Missionary Meeting, held in the First Swedish Lutheran Church, St. Paul.

1. "The Field in India," by the Rev. John H. Harpster, D.D., Rajahmundry, India.
2. "The General Council and Foreign Missions," by the Rev. George Drach, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.
3. "What I Saw in India," by Prof. Claude W. Foss, Ph.D.
4. "The Church in America," by the Rev. George W. Sandt, D.D., Editor

SOCIAL FEATURES.

Friday Noon.—Luncheon to the Lay Delegates at Dayton's Tea Rooms.

Saturday Afternoon, Sept. 11.

Excursion to Lake Minnetonka and Steamboat Ride on the Lake.

Saturday Evening.—Reception to the General Council.

A reception was tendered to the General Council by the congregation in the Sunday-school rooms. The Rev. George W. Sandt, D.D., Editor of "The Lutheran," Philadelphia, presided.

1. "Then and Now. The First Convention of the General Council in the Northwest twenty-one years ago, and the Present," by the Rev. Prof. George F. Spieker, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

2. "The Polyglot Character of the General Council," by the Rev. Lawrence A. Johnston, D.D., Moline, Ill.

3. "The Work of the Women in the General Council," by the Rev. Prof. Elmer F. Krauss, D.D., of the Chicago Theological Seminary.

4. "The General Council and Its Young People," by the Rev. Howard R. Gold, Madison, Wis.

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								Clerical.	Lay.	Total.
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2	1868	Pittsburgh, Pa...	C. W. Schaeffer, D.D.. .	Rev. H. W. Roth.....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	H. H. Muhlenberg, M.D.	12	33	22	55
3	1869	Chicago, Ill.....	G. F. Krotel, D.D.....	Rev. H. W. Roth.....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	C. F. Norton, Esq.....	11	38	24	62
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6	1872	Akron, Ohio.....	C. P. Krauth, D.D. . . .	Rev. S. Laird.....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	S. Gross Fry, Esq.....	9	27	14	41
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9	1875	Galesburg, Ill....	C. P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. S. Laird.....	Rev. C. H. Thomson.....	J. A. Geissenhainer, Esq.	10	35	18	53
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3. Alberta	Rev. J. Goos		Rev. H. Harms		
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2. German	Rev. C. F. Boehner		Rev. E. Meyer	Rev. E. Meyer	
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2. Western	Rev. J. L. Sibole		Rev. J. W. Smith	Rev. J. W. Smith	
XII Nova Scotia Synod.	Rev. W. M. Weaver		Rev. C. H. Little	Rev. H. J. Behrens, Bridgewater, N. J.	St. Matthew's, Rose Bay, N. S. June 30
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2. Southern	Rev. W. M. Weaver		Rev. W. E. Murray	Rev. W. E. Murray	
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DISTRICT SYNODS, 1909.

	Ministers	Congregations.	Members.	New Churches Consecrated.	Property Value.	Benevolence.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.
1. Min. of Pennsylvania....	388	549	147,019	9	$ 7,316,707	$126,373 36	531	10,270	93,100
2. Min. of New York (7)....	146	157	65,000	..	4,325,271	51,414 15	195	3,186	36,515
14. Pittsburgh	148	179	31,413	2	.....	36,871 91	170	1,791	19,494
31. Ohio	51	85	14,568	..	695,650	18,653 42	81	1,261	9,705
33. Augustana	611	1,092	163,473	..	8,077,862	214,676 19	....	8,981	69,314
37. Canada	38	77	11,072	1	.....	8,148 29	66	590	3,986
41. Chicago	39	65	7,000	7	562,550	8,858 85	52	.....	6.026
53. Eng. of Northwest	32	38	6,617	3	327,735	7,022 55	38	.....	6,200
58. Manitoba	19	60	4,100	..	.....	527 84	19	57	660
59. Pacific	17	20	1,623	1	151,000	1,342 11	16	100	905
61. N. Y & N. Eng.	54	53	16,264	5	1,650,430	14,503 73	53	1,289	12,225
63. Nova Scotia	7	26	2,695	..	76,075	1,350 79	19	141	998
66. Central of Canada	6	15	1,000*	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1,556	2,416	471,844	28	$23,183,280	$489,743 19	1,240	27,566	259,428

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	Prop. Value.	Endow.	Vols. Lib.	Profs.	Students.	Stu. Min.	Alum.	Exp.
33. Augustana	$203,096	$151,615	10,000	4	48	....	641	$135
1. Philadelphia	300,000	210,000	25,000	6	46	....	778	200
§ Chicago	200,000	(2)	5,000	5	50	....	140	150
	$703,096	$361,615	40,000	15	144	....	1,559	

COLLEGES.

33. Augustana .....(co)	(4)	(4)	24,242	39	503	....	433	$175
1. Muhlenberg	$333,565	$267,142	17,000	14	122	25	686	275
14. Thiel .....(co)	75,000	60,000	10,000	8	89	....	329	200
33. Bethany .....(co)	183,445	60,000	10,000	42	902	30	1,005	155
2. Wagner	17,300	25,000	1,025	5	42	32	108	150
33. Upsala .....(co)	70,200	.....	3,000	11	96	50	141	150
33. Gustavus Adolphus ....(co)	130,000	75,000	10,000	24	375	24	830	150
33. Trinity (Texas) .....(co)	30,000	(2)	200	6	86	....	....	.....
	$839,510	$487,142	75,467	149	2,215	161	3,532	.....

ACADEMIES.

	Prop. Value.	Endowment.	Vols. Lib.	Profs.	Students.	Stu. Min.
1. Allentown Prep. School	$40,000	(2)	(3)	6	116	20
33. Luther College .....(co)	61,500	$3,000	3,500	14	262	15
41. Colburn Academy .....(co)	20,000	(2)	700	5	54	4
33. Northwestern College .....(co)	40,000	.....	500	8	130	10
33. Minnesota College .....(co)	70,000	.....	1,000	17	484	20
33. North Star College .....(co)	3,500	.....	300	5	55	..
33. Coeur d'Alene College (Idaho) ..(co)	60,000	.....	250	10	120	4
1. Girls' School, Drexel Home.....	(2)	(2)	.....	13	82	..
	$295,000	$3,000	6,250	78	1,303	73

HOSPITALS.

	Value of Prop.	Amt. of Endowment.	Patients.
33. Augustana	$250,000	$12,696	2,483
33. Bethesda	150,000	.....	933
1. Children's	(2)	(2)	728
33. Immanuel	60,000	2,500	675
§ Passavant Memorial	125,000	80,000	1,620
§ Milwaukee, The Passavant	285,000	15,500	1,273
	$870,000	$110,696	7,714

ORPHANS' HOMES.

	Value of Prop.	Amt. of Endowment.	Children.
14. Home and Farm School	$ 60,000	(2)	90
1. Evangel Luth.	200,000	60,000	192
33. Vasa (Minn. Conf.)	28,000	(2)	73
33. Swedish Luth.	75,000	(2)	50
33. Swedish Evan. Luth.	37,410	(2)	46
33. Evang. Luth. (Kan. Conf.)	22,000	(2)	27
33. Gustavus Adolphus	45,920	(2)	68
33. Swed. Luth. and Indus. School (7)	32,000	(2)	100
1. Lutheran (Topton)	60,000	(2)	89
33. Immanuel (7)	5,000	(2)	27
63. Bethany (7)	8,000	(2)	11
2. Children's Friend	15.000	(2)	31
	$588,330	$60,000	804

IMMIGRANT AND CITY MISSION.

	Value of Prop.	Amt. of Endowment.	Persons Cared for.
§ German Luth. (N. Y.)	$250,000	(2)	2,393
1. Phila. City	(2)	(2)	6,000
33. Swedish Luth. (N. Y.)	65,000	(2)	.....
33. Swedish Luth. (Boston)	25,000	(2)	2,000
1. Seamen's (Phila.)	15,000	(2)	(7)
	$355,000		10,393

HOMES FOR AGED.

	Value of Prop.	Amt. of Endowment.	Old People.
1. Lutheran	(5)	(5)	58
1. Mary J. Drexel	(2)	(2)	40
§ Lutheran	$60,000	(2)	32
33. Bethesda	15,000	(2)	24
33. Ev. Luth. Salem	27,000	(2)	29
§ Lutheran (Erie)	25,000	(2)	31
§ The Layton	60,000	$6,000	34
14. Old People's (Zelienople)	(2)	(2)	10
	$187,000	$6,000	258

HOSPICES.

	Value of Prop.	Amt. of Endowment.	Persons. Cared for.
Luther Hospice (Phila.)	(2)	(2)	300
Luther Settlement House (Phila.)	(2)	(2)	600
Lutheran Hospice (Pittsburgh)	(2)	(2)	35
Swedish Lutheran (Chicago)			.....
			935

DEACONESS HOMES.

	Value of Prop.	Amt. of Endowment.	Sisters.
1. Mary J. Drexel Motherhouse	$600,000	.....	67
33. Immanuel (7)	80,000	3,100	47
33 Bethesda	20,000	(2)	24
§ Luth. Dea. Motherhouse (Milwaukee)	17,000	(2)	(2)
	$717,000	$3,100	179

S. E. OCHSENFORD.
J. NICUM.

§General Council. (1) No property; (2) no endowment; (3) reported under colleges; (4) reported under theological seminaries; (5) reported under academies; (6) reported under orphans' homes; (7) no report furnished, last year's report given.

7. GENERAL COUNCIL HOME MISSIONS.

I. Supported by the Board of English Home Missions.

MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	MEMBERSHIP.				SUNDAY SCHOOL.			Current Expenses.	Benevolence.	Value of Property.
			Bapt.	Com.	Gain.	Loss.	Mem.	Gain.	Loss.			
Atlantic City, N. J.	St. Andrew's	Vacant	210	100	30	....	113	25	...	$1368 50	$ 101 93	$25,000
Trenton, N. J.	Our Saviour	J. C. Mattes	389	201	38	....	225	80	...	1051 47	139 02	18,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Salem	F. Miller	329	143	22	....	197	27	...	772 70	84 07	3,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Resurrection	D. I. Sulzbach	501	284	136	....	303	72	...	1312 10	177 63	16,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Our Saviour	C. M. Sandt	336	161	36	....	258	37	...	917 67	87 26	11,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Zion	F. W. Friday	191	81	27	....	119	41	...	560 68	69 42	7,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Memorial	J. W. H. Heintz	305	135	35	....	330	177	...	600 00	37 39	50,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Mediator	F. T. Esterly	246	110	47	....	156	61	...	1947 84	31 25	6,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Good Shepherd	Vacant	41	22	....	....	32	...	...	312 30	18 27	250
Philadelphia, Pa.	Advocate	J. C. Fischer	259	100	40	....	179	47	...	1200 00	77 63	10,000
Manoa, Pa.	Trinity	W. J. Huntsinger	123	50	9	....	83	5	...	617 33	59 00	10,000
Camden, N. J.	Christ	F. I. Paul	234	81	14	....	154	20	...	1200 00	20 00	4,000
Wildwood, N. J.	Trinity	L. G. Deiley	97	46	....	12	60	...	12	1027 71	34 29	11,000
Magnolia, N. J.	Trinity	Vacant	27	20	....	....	23	...	...	171 38	3 46	3,500
Eden, Pa.	Redeemer	N. N. Harter	115	57	....	....	69	...	...	231 40	1 51	5,250
Shillington, Pa.	Grace	F. F. Buermeyer, D.D.	150	40	2	....	102	1	...	210 00	15 00	3,500
Oakbrook, Pa.	Redeemer	F. F. Buermeyer, D.D.	96	21	....	4	81	16	...	60 00	3 00	1,000
N. Bethlehem, Pa.	St. Stephen's	C. J. Cooper, D.D.	213	127	12	....	202	14	...	354 93	40 57	2,500
Northampton Heights, Pa.	St. Matthew's	S. M. Wenrich	107	67	8	....	129	...	40	381 00	26 00	3,600
Allentown, Pa.	St. Stephen's	I. W. Klick	600	282	33	....	389	59	...	924 02	108 34	18,000
S. Allentown, Pa.	Grace	J. H. Raker	360	160	85	....	270	58	...	408 84	63 75	4,500
E. Allentown, Pa.	St. Joseph	J. W. Mattern	167	72	....	7	109	...	...	400 00	16 00	3,500
Easton, Pa.	Colored	J. A. Burton	32	19	....	....	29	...	...	156 10	2 03	3,000
N. Water Gap, Pa.	St. Mark's	F. W. Wackernagel	89	49	....	8	54	...	8	403 93	38 06	4,000
Scranton, Pa.	St. Paul's	W. S. Heist	240	119	36	....	141	32	...	611 50	49 84	12,000
Sayre, Pa.	St. John's	E. M. Beysher	213	142	7	....	113	1	...	697 47	81 02	8,500
Gouldsboro, Pa.	Grace	J. M. Smeltzer	143	55	5	....	88	3	...	377 64	82 60	7,800
Packerton, Pa.	Zion	F. E. Reichard	153	68	3	....	100	11	...	575 77	37 03	4,300
Ricketts, Pa.	St. John's	A. L. Smith	184	47	19	....	132	12	...	675 00	32 14	1,500
Lehighton, Pa.	Grace	F. Croman	181	125	32	....	169	...	26	1115 59	77 68	11,000
Quakake, Pa.	Christ	E. P. Xander	141	135	10	....	...	...	...	345 65	.....	5,000
Locust Gap, Pa.	St. Peter's	E. P. Xander	47	43	....	3	...	...	...	.....	.....	2,000
Quakake Township, Pa.	Ascension	E. P. Xander	109	45	....	....	157	...	5	132 05	34 86	4,500
Pine Grove, Pa.	St. Peter's	W. W. Kramlich	171	99	....	8	91	...	4	124 01	9 00	3,600
Dows, Pa.	St. Mark's	W. W. Kramlich	103	37	4	....	87	...	73	109 80	29 34	3,000
Cherryville, Pa.	St. Matthew's	W. W. Kramlich	72	25	....	....	53	5	...	66 00	2 85	1,500
Llewellyn, Pa.	Frieden's	H. M. Schofer	175	127	2	....	61	...	8	400 00	48 75	2,000

MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA (Continued).

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	MEMBERSHIP.				SUNDAY SCHOOL.			Current Expenses.	Benevolence.	Value of Property.
			Bapt.	Com.	Gain.	Loss.	Mem.	Gain.	Loss.			
Palmyra, Pa.	Palmyra	J. H. Neiman	93	88	8	....	81	5	...	580 00	75 32	3,000
Harrisburg, Pa.	Holy Communion	C. K. Fegley	215	94	17	....	115	68	...	892 84	96 94	8,500
Lancaster, Pa.	St. Mark's	J. H. Strenge	198	92	35	....	206	53	...	642 44	49 40	8,000
Lancaster, Pa.	Redeemer	H. T. Clymer	100	41	15	....	87	9	...	150 20	17 42	10,000
Lititz, Pa.	St. James	H. T. Clymer	80	40	18	....	62	...	24	226 70	18 53	5,000
Jersey Shore, Pa.	First	C. D. Zweier	109	67	....	4	64	...	15	497 80	41 79	4,500
Berwick, Pa.	Trinity	W. H. Berk	107	53	....	7	58	...	6	210 70	20 94	8,000
Richfield, Pa.	St. John's	E. E. Gilbert	156	112	12	....	70	...	9	400 00	61 69	6,000
Monroe, Pa.	St. Peter's	E. E. Gilbert	113	50	....	....	78	28	...	150 00	27 20	800
Perry Township, Pa.	Zion	E. E. Gilbert	50	44	10	....	...	...	...	65 00	12 00	1,000
Oriental, Pa.	St. Paul's	E. E. Gilbert	60	30	....	....	45	...	...	300 00	.....	1,000
Missions of the Ministerium Transferred to the Self-Sustaining List.												
Asbury Park, N. J.	Atonement	H. E. Meyers	189	136	44	....	71	...	4	800 00	101 93	12,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Redeemer	H. F. Hehl	146	85	9	....	147	8	...	660 00	150 95	3,500
Souderton, Pa.	Emmanuel	W. Nickel	431	320	15	....	225	22	...	1435 00	78 00	16,000
E. Bangor, Pa.	Grace	J. H. Miller	240	190	24	....	167	...	...	761 00	168 46	6,000
New Ringgold, Pa.	New Ringgold	J. F. Keller	301	200	8	....	155	...	...	340 00	36 10	5,000
Washington, D. C.	Atonement	I. O. Baker	400	163	63	....	164	43	...	2000 00	79 00	30,000
			10147	5291	....	...	6665	...	...	31942 06	$2775 66	$418,600
DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.												
Toledo, Ohio	St. Luke's	G. A. Bierdemann, D.D.	392	205	80	....	199	58	...	1887 03	75 48	8,550
Yondata, Ohio	St. Luke's	E. J. K. Schmidt	170	89	7	....	53	...	8	237 24	36 75	3,700
Coshocton, Ohio	Emmanuel	L. E. Wein	127	77	12	....	70	4	...	600 00	15 00	7,000
Coshocton, Ohio	St. Paul's	L. E. Wein	150	90	....	3	65	...	1	500 00	35 00	4,500
Defiance, Ohio	Zion's	J. E. Wannemacher	232	145	34	....	103	32	...	1155 50	105 93	10,000
Holgate, Ohio	St. Peter's	R. E. M. Engers	103	76	15	....	63	...	...	300 00	22 09	1,500
Stanley, Ohio	St. John's	R. E. M. Engers	140	93	33	....	78	12	...	560 00	31 04	5,000
Paulding, Ohio	St. Paul's	G. P. Schmidt	102	82	17	....	57	8	...	491 73	.....	6,000
Leetonia, Ohio	St. John's	A. F. Gillman	126	96	16	....	94	...	11	1092 05	61 56	2,500
Pemberville, Ohio	Martin Luther	E. Haecker	112	87	12	....	39	9	...	584 26	43 25	5,000
W. Carrollton, Ohio	Grace	L. P. Pence	64	60	....	1	109	...	26	416 64	38 55	3,000
Ingomar, Ohio	St. John's	L. P. Pence	80	53	12	....	150	24	...	197 09	18 38	5,600
Barbarton, Ohio	First	F. W. Ash	205	142	5	....	132	33	...	486 50	61 56	4,000
			2003	1295	....	...	1212	...	...	$8508 04	$544 59	$66,350
NORTHWEST SYNOD.												
Livingston, Mon.	Redeemer	F. W. Klingensmith	57	38	1	....	54	20	...	545 72	48 77	3,000
Winnipeg, Canada	First	P. E. Baisler	54	29	....	2	68	22	...	205 00	52 59	8,000
Inwood, Canada	St. John's	P. E. Baisler	102	50	....	....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Sioux Fall, S. D.	Redeemer	J. G. M. Hursh	104	41	12	....	73	...	14	282 80	32 91	6,500
(S.) Minneapolis, Minn.	Trinity	L. B. Deck	223	117	84	....	312	229	...	893 67	340 43	4,000

NORTHWEST SYNOD (Continued).

(Seven Oaks) Minneapolis, Minn...	Holy Communion	L. B. Deck	35	25	25	....	95	95	...	41 34	1 50	600
Minneapolis, Minn.	Redeemer	J. A. Zundel	152	42	42	....	90	90	...	38 95	12 00	.....
N. St. Paul, Minn.	St. Mark's	R. A. Helms	150	85	....	12	100	...	...	493 75	22 05	800
St. Paul, Minn.	Arlington Hills	R. A. Helms	120	....	....	....	68	68	...	16 15	1 55	.....
Superior, Wis.	Trinity	W. H. Gable	120	50	....	....	115	50	...	410 22	29 71	2,000
Madison, Wis.	Trinity	H. R. Gold	137	72	36	....	44	11	...	807 64	54 06	500
Middletown, Wis.	First	H. R. Gold	50	38	38	....	...	...	...	115 67	7 05	.....
Oshkosh, Wis.	St. John's	C. B. Lindtwed	140	98	11	....	59	2	...	658 16	75 23	5,500
Beloit, Wis.	Atonement	P. H. Roth	257	80	20	....	101	46	...	612 44	65 38	9,500
Afton, Wis.	Trinity	P. H. Roth	40	24	24	....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Racine, Wis.	Atonement	W. Eckert	280	130	130	....	125	125	...	150 00	.....	1,000
Cedarburg, Wis.	Advent	T. F. Weiskotten	67	49	6	....	29	...	6	455 00	32 61	4,600
Milwaukee, Wis.	Reformation	P. L. Kunzmann	283	185	185	....	195	195	...	1986 48	71 36	35,000

Transferred to the Self-Sustaining List.

Milwaukee, Wis.	Epiphany	G. K. Rubrecht	640	276	136	....	438	110	...	2050 52	169 64	28,200
Duluth, Minn.	St. John's	J. L. Murphy	422	174	144	....	213	62	...	1812 39	271 04	10,000
			3433	1613	....	...	2179	...	...	11575 90	$1287 88	$119,200

PACIFIC SYNOD.

Tacoma, Wash.	St. John's	C. F. W. Stoever	430	212	44	....	84	...	13	1001 76	33 95	7,500
Bellingham, Wash.	St. Mark's	Th. Schoenberg	159	79	5	....	68	1	...	274 95	10 57	3,500
Seaside, Ore.	St. John's	C. G. Stacey	88	27	27	....	47	47	...	86 20	.....	.....
Nehalem, Ore.	Zion's	C. G. Stacey	93	33	5	....	...	...	...	236 82	.....	.....
Salt Lake City, Utah	Trinity	F. W. Bussard	90	38	12	....	45	...	5	507 97	44 02	14,500
Spanish Forks, Utah	English Lutheran	F. W. Bussard	65	40	5	....	25	...	...	35 00	11 00	800
Victoria, B. C.		W. C. Drahn	....	....	....	....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....

Transferred to the Self-Sustaining List.

Vancouver, Wash.	St. Paul's	W. I. Eck	186	70	29	....	83	29	...	1162 88	15 00	10,000
San Jose, Cal.	Emmanuel	Emil Meyer	191	72	....	6	132	29	...	1250 00	85 00	7,500
Portland, Ore.	St. James	J. A. Leas	443	300	6	....	120	11	...	2117 01	423 65	50,000
			1745	871	....	....	604	...	...	$6672 59	$623 19	$93,800

CHICAGO SYNOD.

Chicago, Ill.	Epiphany	E. H. Copenhaver	101	73	33	....	85	17	...	781 04	50 34	.....
Austin, Ill.	Redeemer	J. R. E. Hunt	147	104	47	....	220	109	...	1341 10	84 16	10,000
Chicago, Ill.	St. Matthew's	P. J. Gerberding	150	108	9	....	165	20	...	1505 00	11 00	9,500
Chicago, Ill.	Atonement	A. H. Arbaugh	145	102	34	....	140	45	...	1000 00	48 00	6,000
Chicago, Ill.	St. James	F. E. Stough	180	104	34	....	200	23	...	1200 00	60 00	11,000
Chicago, Ill.	St. Peter's	H. B. Reed	285	195	25	....	350	19	...	1500 00	158 00	8,500

CHICAGO SYNOD (Continued).

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	MEMBERSHIP.				SUNDAY SCHOOL.			Current Expenses.	Benevolence.	Value of Property.
			Bapt.	Com.	Gain.	Loss.	Mem.	Gain.	Loss.			
Lafayette, Ind.	Trinity	E. D. S. Boyer	151	110	35	....	58	...	28	846 42	54 46	8,000
Detroit, Mich.	Christ	P. W. Roth	100	72	....	28	85	1	...	656 02	42 90	2,000
Alexandria, Ind.	Our Saviour	.....	46	22	....	7	19	...	24	118 87	11 30	15,000
Transferred to the Self-Sustaining List.												
Aurora, Ill.	Redeemer	R. C. Kaufman	121	86	39	....	129	41	...	1275 00	27 04	15,000
			1426	976	....	...	1451	...	...	10223 45	$547 20	$85,000
NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND SYNOD.												
Dunkirk, N. Y.	Grace	G. G. Ruff	290	146	38	....	135	27	...	625 00	80 75	6,500
Elmira, N. Y.	Trinity	E. E. Stuckert	84	52	....	29	38	...	22	732 78	27 32	10,000
Yonkers, N. Y.	Redeemer	J. Dimpfl	100	72	34	....	76	33	...	492 95	16 60	14,000
Freeport N. Y.	Christ	G. C. Loos	55	31	31	....	36	36	...	35 68	15 00	.....
Brooklyn, N. Y.	St. Barnabas	G. C. Loos	70	22	22	....	51	51	...	141 71	35 10	.....
Brooklyn, N. Y.	Resurrection	P. J. W. Pestke	142	45	....	....	97	...	...	465 45	17 00	.....
Brooklyn, N. Y.	St. Andrew's	R. M. Zimmerman	150	38	....	....	85	...	...	674 00	15 66	13,000
College Point, N. Y.	Holy Spirit	J. F. Stolte	185	34	....	36	81	6	...	575 00	5 50	6,000
Corona, N. Y.	St. Bartholomew	J. F. Stolte	84	22	22	....	66	66	...	166 25	.....	.....
Hartford, Conn.	St. Paul's	C. E. Blethen	192	106	63	....	81	15	...	906 79	17 57	25,000
New Britain, Conn.	Reformation	A. Rohrig	226	112	27	....	125	33	...	603 74	101 65	7,000
Weehawken, N. J.	Good Shepherd	A. Wuerstlin	223	90	14	....	155	...	8	682 61	77 20	3,000
Orange, N. J.	Trinity	P. C. Wike	75	26	26	....	...	...	...	70 88	40 00	.....
Organized as Self-Sustaining.												
Summit, N. J.	St. John's	G. C. Blessin	110	70	70	....	36	36	...	510 00	327 00	.....
			1986	866	....	...	1062	...	...	$6172 84	$776 35	$84,500
SYNOD OF CENTRAL CANADA.												
Unionville, Ont.	Bethesda	J. Maurer	69	39	....	....	52	...	...	405 64	67 99	2,400
Buttonville, Ont.	St. John's	J. Maurer	25	19	....	....	25	...	...	123 04	25 14	3,000
Brantford, Ont.	St. Matthew's	H. J. Croushore	51	22	....	....	34	...	...	151 64	217 05	.....
Montreal. Can.	Redeemer	J. J. May	282	174	....	64	52	...	10	674 21	57 52	20,000
Organized as Self-Sustaining by Field Missionary Bieber.												
Guelph, Ont.	.....	Vacant	216	118	118	....	108	108	...	677 44	57 58	5,000
Hamilton, Ont.	Trinity	M. J. Bieber	187	123	123	....	53	53	...	363 74	31 00	.....
			830	495	....	....	324	...	...	$2395 71	$456 28	$30,400
SPECIAL.												
Boston, Mass.	Lettish	J. Steik	....	....	....	....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Philadelphia, Pa.	Lettish	J. Steik	....	....	....	....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Among Persians	Vacant	J. Pascha	....	....	....	....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Grand Total			21160	11407	2991	241	13676	3201	410	$77989 50	$7031 16	$8978 50

II. Supported by the Board of German Home Missions.

I. IN CONNECTION WITH THE PACIFIC SYNOD.

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars	Church Property. Ch.	Church Property. Par.	Value of Property.
Camas, Wash.		C. F. Boehner	20				
Hockinson, Wash.		C. F. Boehner	15				
Ridgefield, Wash.		C. F. Boehner					
Marksburg, Ore.	Christus	B. Merz	89		Ch. & Par.		$ 2,600
New Era, Ore.	St. Paul's	B. Merz	30		Ch. & Cem.		
Meridian, Ore.	St. Johannis	B. Merz	11				
Needy, Ore.		B. Merz	37				
Medford, Wash.		M. Markert	34		Ch. & Par.		2,200
Grant's Pass, Ore.		M. Markert	10				
Butte Creek, Ore.		M. Markert					
Jacksonville, Ore.		M. Markert					
Central Point, Ore.		M. Markert					
Oregon City, Ore.	Zion's	W. R. Kraxberger	95		Ch. & Par.		2,800
Eugene, Ore.		W. R. Kraxberger	18				
San Jose, Cal.	Bethel's	Emil Meyer	71		Ch. & Par.		9,500

II. IN CONNECTION WITH THE SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND OTHER PROVINCES.

Beausejour, Man.	Zion's	F. J. Fuerst	98		Ch., Par., Sch., & Cem.		2,800
Green Bay, Man.	St. Paul's	F. J. Fuerst	72		Cemetery		
Thalberg, Man.	Dreieinigkeits	F. J. Fuerst	70		Cemetery		
Grunwald, Man.		F. J. Fuerst	50		Cemetery		
Golden Bay, Man.		F. J. Fuerst	15		Cemetery		
Queen's Valley, Man.		F. J. Fuerst	12		Cemetery		
Gretna, Man.	St. Paul's	P. Bähnisch	80		Ch. & Par.		4,000
Rosenfeld, Man.	St. Johannis	P. Bähnisch	62		Church		1,200
Morris, Man.	St. Petri	P. Bähnisch	27		Church		3,000
Friedensthal, Man.	Zion's	H. Becker	151		Ch. Par. & Cem.		1,900
Greenridge, Man.		H. Becker	54		Ch. & Cem.		150
Overstone Man.		H. Becker	39		Cemetery		
Niverville, Man.		H. Becker	51		Ch. & Cem.		800
Charlotte, Man.		H. Becker	10				
Russell, Man.	Bethanien	A. Lilge	80				
Wheatwyn, Sask.	Zion's	P. Tourney	36		Ch. & Cem.		1,300
Fairy Hill, Sask.	Christus	P. Tourney	26		Cemetery		
Butterton-Last Mountain	St. Paul's	P. Tourney	55		Cemetery		
Rosthern, Sask.	Christus	F. Pempeit	105		Ch. Par. & Cem.		3,000
Aberdeen, Sask.		F. Pempeit	42		Cemetery		
Stony Hill, Sask.	St. Johannis	H. Walbaum	54		Cemetery		
Silver Grove, Sask.	St. Paulus	H. Walbaum	16				
Gartenland-Laningan, Sask.		Jul. Naegler	50		Church		
Hirzel (Goodeve), Sask.	St. Petrus	H. R. Hauptmann	30		Church		
Rosemount, Sask.	St. Johannis	M. Richter	58		Ch. & Cem.		
Robert (Beaver Hills), Sask.		M. Richter					
Strathcona, Alta.	Dreieinigkeits	Th. Hartig	163		Ch. & Par.		8,000
Hillsdale, Alta.		Th. Hartig	15				
Edmonton, Alta.	St. Johannis	H. Harms	139		Ch. & Lot		4,000
Lutherport (Ellerslie), Alta.	St. Paulus	Ph. Pascha	229		Ch. Par., 2 Cem.		3,500
Wetaskiwin, Alta.	St. Johannis	Vacant	142		Ch. Par. & Cem.		2,000
Waldheim, Alta.		Vacant					
Red Deer Lake, Alta.	St. Petri	F. Bredlow	85		Ch. & Cem.		1,400
New Norway, Alta.		F. Bredlow	24				
Battle River, Alta.		F. Bredlow	5				
New Sarepta, Alta.		F. Bredlow	35		Cemetery		
Heimthal, Alta	St. Johannis	*Vacant	35		Ch. & Cem.		400
Gnadenthal, Alta.	Gnaden	Vacant	40		Ch. & Cem.		800
Otoskwan, Alta.	St. Petri	Vacant	35		Ch. & Cem.		700
Hay Lake, Alta.		Vacant	40		Cemetery		
E. Ledue, Alta.		Vacant	35				
Olds, Alta.		Field Miss. tem.			Church		
Sunny Hope, Alta.		M. Raccius					
Josephslake, Alta.		M. Raccius					
Edenwald, Sask.		M. Raccius			Church		
Kroman, Sask.		M. Raccius					
Davin, Sask.		M. Raccius					
Langenburg, Sask.					Church		
Dresden, N. Dakota	St. Johannis	Theo. Hempel	90		Ch. & Par.		1,500

III. IN CONNECTION WITH THE MINISTERIUM OF NEW YORK.

Ottenheim, Ky.	Immanuel's	C. J. Mehrtens	90		Ch., Par., Sch. & Cem.		1,650
66 missions.		22 missionaries	2975		30 Ch. Build.		$60,400

*Temporarily served by Field Missionary and neighboring pastors.

III. Supported by District Synods.

I. AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars	Church Property. Ch.	Church Property. Par.	Value of Property.
Monson, Me.	Zion	C. P. Edlund	26	37	Frame		$ 4,000
†Portland, Me.	Immanuel	..	35	....	Brick		13,500
Concord, N. H.	Concordia	E. J. Norden	68	36	Frame		5,500
Brattleboro, Vt.		S. F. Hammarlöf	109	42	Frame		2,600
Beverly, Mass.	Bethania	J. A. Bernhard	19	....	..		650
East Boston, Mass.	Trinity	C. F. Johansson	131	102	..		3,300
Everett. Mass.		J. A. Bernhard	109	90	Frame		7,480
Gardner, Mass.	Scandinavian	S. P. Holmberg	62	60	Frame		6,000
Greendale, Mass.		..	....	....	..		.....
Holyoke, Mass.		S. F. Hammarlöf	....	....	..		.....
Hyde Park, Mass.		..	....	....	..		.....
Lawrence, Mass.	Immanuel	J. Alf. Anderson	53	18	..		775
Malden, Mass.	Salem	J. A. Bernhard	89	48	Frame		5,000
Millville, Mass.	Zion	F. W. Lindström	96	48	Frame		4,000
Medford, Mass.		..	....	....	..		.....
Monson, Mass.		..	....	....	..		.....
Montello, Mass.	Gethsemane	J. A. Anderson	71	90	Frame		2,500
Natick, Mass.		J. A. Bernhard	....	....	..		.....
Norwood, Mass.	Emanuel	A. M. L. Herenius	124	80	Frame		3,600
Palmer, Mass.		..	....	....	..		.....
Pigeon Cove, Mass.	Klippan	J. A. Bernhard	20	25	Frame		1,800
Pittsburg, Mass.		..	....	....	..		.....
Pittsfield, Mass.	Zion	..	....	....	..		.....
Newport, R. I.	Zion	H. Myreen	62	21	Frame		6,000
Ansonia, Conn.	St. Paul		68	43	Frame and Par.		12,000
Centerbrook, Conn.	Trinity	J. E. Lindberg	42	18	Frame		3,800
Collinsville, Conn.	Gustaf Adolf	A. J. Hillmer	60	26	..		.....
Cromwell, Conn.	Bethania	E. C. Blomquist	50	27	..		.....
Danbury, Conn.		..	....	....	..		.....
Deep River, Conn.	Bethel	J. E. Lindberg	56	25	Frame		3,000
Georgetown, Conn.	Bethlehem	..	....	...	..		.....
Haddam Neck. Conn.	Gethsemane	..	....	....	..		.....
New London, Conn.		..	....	....	..		.....
S. Norwalk, Conn.	Messiah	P. Froeberg	....	....	..		.....
Stamford, Conn.	St. John's	A. J. Ostlin	149	44	Frame		8,500
Thomaston, Conn.	Bethlehem	A. J. Stenwall	45	26	Lot		1,550
Torrington, Conn.	Bethania	A. J. Hilmer	63	30	Frame		4,000
Washington Depot, Conn.	Trinity	E. A. Zetterstrand	33	11	Frame		3,500
Ashville, N. Y.		..	....	....	..		.....
Astoria, N. Y.	Salem	..	....	....	..		.....
Bronx, N. Y.	Messiah	J. Johnson	125	97	Frame		15,500
Brooklyn, N. Y.	Tabor	..	....	....	Frame		6,200
Brooklyn, N. Y.	Salem	J. G. Danielson	52	77	Brick & frame		7,000
Buffalo, N. Y.	†Trinity	..	82	40	Frame		8,200
Busti, N. Y.	Bethania	J. A. Rinell	20	4	Frame and Par.		1,800
Corning, N. Y.	Emanuel	M. Parson	50	....	..		.....
Corona, N. Y.	Trinity	..	26	26	Lot		2,000
Dunkirk, N. Y.	Zion	O. O. Oleen	40	38	Par.		3,750
Flatbush, N. Y.		P. E. Frodlund	....	....	..		.....
Long Island City, N. Y.	Salem	..	32	....	Frame		5,000
Mayville,N. Y.		Erik Bohman	144	29	Frame and Par.		4.400
Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	Emanuel	J. Johnson	45	....	Frame		7,550
Niagara Falls, N. Y.	Bethany	..	36	13	Frame		2,500
Olean, N. Y.	Bethany	L. Hokenson	94	36	Frame		6,000
Ossining, N. Y.	Zion	..	19	....	..		200
Port Richmond, N. Y.	Nazareth	Augustus G. Olsson	15	23	..		.....
Portville, N. Y.	Bethel	L. Hokenson	43	26	Frame		2,000
Richmond Hill, N. Y.		P. E. Fredlund	....	....	..		.....
Rochester, N. Y.		A. J. Okerblom	....	....	..		.....
Schenectady, N. Y.	Gustaf Adolf	K. A. Martin	68	32	Frame and Par.		13,000
S. Brooklyn, N. Y.		..	....	....	..		.....
S. Buffalo, N. Y.		..	....	....	..		.....
Yonkers, N. Y.		..	....	....	..		.....
Bayonne, N. J.	Eleonora	Augustus G. Olsson	23	56	Frame		6,000

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PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Par.	Value of Property.
E. Orange, N. J.	Tabor	K. J. Erkander	70	15	Frame		8,800
Elizabeth, N. J.	Bartholomew	K. A. Martin	24	....	..		.....
Morristown, N. J.	First Scandinavian	S. F. Hammarlöf	21	....	..		.....
Passaic, N. J.	Ansgarii	A. E. Ericsson	67	70	Frame		5,000
Paterson, N. J.	Zion	A. J. Lawson	32	12	Frame		3,000
Plainfield, N. J.	Gethsemane	L. H. Beck	19	....	..		.....
Roebling, N. J.	.....	..	....	....	..		.....
Summit, N. J.	Salem	K. J. Erkander	54	....	Frame		6,000
Trenton, N. J.	.....	..	....	....	..		.....
Austin, Pa.	Aurora	K. J. Peel	40	26	Frame		1,300
Bitumen, Pa.	Zion	J. P. Regner	....	....	..		.....
Bradford, Pa.	Immanuel	G. R. Peterson	110	54	Frame and Par.		8,000
Cross Forks, Pa.	Emanuel	K. J. Peel	39	28	Frame		1,200
Duquesne, Pa.	Zion	P. E. Nordgren	115	46	Frame		5,000
Galeton, Pa.	St. Paul	K. J. Peel	42	21	Frame		1,900
Johnsonburg, Pa.	.....	..	....	....	..		.....
Landrus, Pa.	Nazareth	M. Parson	17	8	Frame		600
Monessen, Pa.	Bethania	P. E. Nordgren	21	....	..		.....
Munhall, Pa.	Gethsemane	P. E. Nordgren	32	21	..		.....
Oil City, Pa.	Zion	O. Nelson	88	38	Brick		8,500
Philadelphia, Pa.	Gustaf Adolf	..	60	34	Brick		14,000
Rochester, Pa.	.....	P. E. Nordgren	....	....	..		.....
Smethport, Pa.	Ansgarius	G. R. Peterson	56	32	Frame		4,000
Tidioute, Pa.	Salem	C. Jacobson	39	12	Frame		2,000
Wilson, Pa.	Bethlehem	P. E. Nordgren	10	....	..		.....
Baltimore, Md.	St. Olaf	A. J. Enstam	55	....	Frame		2,500
Washington, D. C.	.....	A. J. Enstam	....	....	..		.....
Lorain, Ohio	.....	..	....	....	..		.....
Argyle, Ill.	.....	..	....	....	..		.....
Berwyn, Ill.	Augustana	J. Telleen	134	80	Brick		8,500
Blue Island, Ill.	Siloa	V. Setterdahl	106	95	Frame and Par.		6,750
Canton, Ill.	Bethlehem	C. J. Johnson	50	25	Frame		3,500
Cragin, Ill.	Libanon	O. N. Nelson	70	..	Frame		5,000
Danville, Ill.	.....	..	90	22	Frame and Par.		6,500
Chicago, Ill.	Messiah	D. A. Löfgren	34	60	..		.....
Edgewater, Ill.	.....	..	....	....	..		.....
Gibson City, Ill.	Salem	M. Frykman	72	20	Frame and Par.		5,500
Gladstone, Ill.	Immanuel	E. Anderson	42	20	..		.....
Granville, Ill.	.....	F. O. Linder	54	30	Frame and Par.		6,000
Harvey, Ill.	Tabor	..	50	40	Frame		3,600
Kinsman, Ill.	Immanuel	A. A. Jacobson	34	14	Frame		1,500
Kirkland, Ill.	.....	J. A. Benander	126	65	Frame and Par.		7,000
La Grange, Ill.	Emmaus	H. O. Lindeblad	60	77	Brick		8,000
Morrison, Ill.	Bethesda	..	55	25	Frame		1,600
North Henderson, Ill.	.....	G. A. Swanburg	148	65	Frame		850
Prophetstown, Ill.	.....	..	100	25	Frame and Par.		4,500
Rochelle, Ill.	Bethel	G. Peters	35	....	.		.....
Rockford, Ill.	Salem	J. A. Benander	197	130	..		1,600
Sibley, Ill.	.....	M. Frykman	65	30	Frame		2,000
South Moline, Ill.	Salem	C. J. Youngberg	90	126	..		.....
Stronghurst, Ill.	.....	T. A. Conrad	72	45	..		.....
Utica, Ill.	Ansgarii	F. O. Linder	40	30	Frame		2,000
†Walker Station, Ill.	Emanuel	C. J. Youngberg	64	75	Frame		3,200
Benton Harbor, Mich.	.....	A. Sundberg	....	....	..		.....
Big Rapids, Mich.	Immanuel	C. A. Eckstrom	65	115	Frame and Par.		6,000
Cedarville, Mich.	.....	..	50	....	Frame		3,300
Cheboygan, Mich.	.....	..	35	24	Frame		1,000
Covert, Mich.	Bethania	A. Sundberg	15	....	..		.....
Detroit, Mich.	Bethlehem	J. B. Bennett	40	20	Brick		5,000
Deward, Mich.	.....	..	23	12	Frame		2,000
Dollar Bay, Mich.	First Sw.	..	112	44	Frame		3,650
East Tawas, Mich.	Abigail	..	50	....	Frame		1,000
Elk Rapids, Mich.	.....	J. Forsberg	17	15	Frame		1,200
Gladstone, Mich.	Ebenezer	G. A. Ekman	127	161	Frame and Par.		5,000
Grand Marais, Mich.	Bethany	.....	24	....	Frame		1,000
Hancock, Mich.	.....	..	51	40	Frame		4,200

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Jennings, Mich.		J. Forsberg	50	45	Frame		1,700
Mancelona, Mich.			31	12	Frame		900
Munising, Mich.	Eden	G. A. Ekeberg	27	46	Concrete		5,000
Oscoda, Mich.	Eliazar		39	52	Frame		1,000
St. Ignace, Mich.	Zion	J. N. Alexis	26	16	Frame		1,383
Sault St. Marie, Mich.	Elim	J. N. Alexis	20	....	Basement		1,700
St. Joseph, Mich.	Saron	A. Sundberg	25	13	Frame		2,000
Scandia, Mich.		G. E. Ekeberg	28	15	Brick		3,000
Skanee, Mich.		J. N. Alexis	112	34	Frame	and Par.	4,700
Stonington, Mich.	Bethel	G. A. Ekman	43	47	Frame		1,500
Traverse City, Mich.		J. Forsberg	37	37	Frame		2,000
Whitefish, Mich.	Bethlehem	G. A. Ekman	28	....	Frame		1,000
Amery, Wis.	Ebenezer	J. A. Gustafson	75	36	Frame		1,900
Bayfield, Wis.			52	....	Frame		2,500
Baysville, Wis.		C. E. Lindquist	....	....			
Bennet, Wis.	Immanuel	J. E. Linner	45	....	Frame		2,000
Clayton, Wis.	Immanuel	J. A. Gustafson	140	57	Frame		2,400
Conover, Wis.	Gustaf Adolf	O. A. Landell	38	32	40 acres	land	300
Falun, Wis.	North Sweden		22	17	Frame		700
Glen Flora, Wis.	Saron		12	....	Frame		1,000
Grantsburg, Wis.	Salem		24	28	Frame	and Par.	2,500
Hayward, Wis.	Bethlehem	J. A. Forslund	65	25			
Madison, Wis.		P. Bostrom	55	35	Frame		5,400
Merrill, Wis.		A. E. Monell	100	50	Frame	and Par.	4,900
Milwaukee, Wis.	First Sw.	A. S. Hamilton	66	45	Lot		5,000
New Richmond, Wis.		C. E. Lindquist	32	30	Stone	and brick	1,900
Phillips, Wis.	Phillippi	A. E. Hiller	6	....	Frame		1,400
Poplar, Wis.	Bethania	J. B. A. Idström	67	38	Frame		3,000
Port Wing, Wis.		C. A. Carlsted	96	21	Frame		2,200
Prentice, Wis.	Bethlehem	A. E. Hiller	82	47	Frame	and Par.	4,500
Racine, Wis.	First	A. S. Hamilton	58	25	Brick	and Par.	12,500
Rhinelander, Wis.	Emanuel	O. A. Landell	70	40	Frame	and Par.	3,500
Rice Lake, Wis.	Immanuel	J. A. Forslund	101	31	Frame		2,000
Shell Lake, Wis.	Salem	E. Edman	44	30	Frame		1,800
Star Prairie, Wis.		C. E. Lindquist	80	30	Frame		1,900
Superior, Wis.	Zion	J. B. A. Idström	83	52	Frame		3,000
Unity, Wis.		A. E. Hiller	55	29	Frame		1,500
Washburn, Wis.	Emanuel		33	30	Frame		1,600
Wausau, Wis.		A. E. Monell	49	22	Frame	and Par.	3,500
Wood River, Wis.	Ansgarii		34	28	Log		1,100
Wonewoc, Wis	Elim	P. Bostrom	11	4	Frame		450
Aitkin Co., Minn.	Maria	E. H. Sanden	35	30	Frame		1,000
Aitkin Co., Minn.	Bethlehem	E. H. Sanden	24	30	Frame		1,200
Aitkin Co., Minn.	St. Paul	E. H. Sanden	49	40	Frame		2,500
Aldrich, Minn.	Balsamlund		40	20	Frame		500
Anoka, Minn.	Zion	J. E. Erlander	56	24	Frame		3,371
Appleton, Minn.			....	....			
Annandale, Minn.	St. John	M. Peterson	83	42	Frame		1,500
Atkinson, Minn.	Bethel	J. Magny	21	25	Frame		1,500
Badger, Minn.	Bethany	H. O. Hemming	29	....	Frame		1,500
Barnum, Minn.	Bethlehem	C. E. Gustafson	25	....			
Bemidji, Minn.	Bethel		....	....			
Black Duck, Minn.			....	....			
Big Forks, Minn.		H. O. Hemming	....	....			
Bovey, Minn.	Bethel	L. W. Gullström	24	23	Frame		2,600
Brunswick, Minn.		S. Udden	85	88	Frame		1,200
Camden Place, Minn.	Salem	A. Samuelson	135	110	Fr.-Br.	& Par.	8,000
Carlton, Minn.	Bethesda	J. Magny	52	35	Frame	and Par.	5,500
Crookston, Minn.	Emanuel		42	....	Frame		1,800
Deerwood, Minn.	First Sw.	E. H. Sanden	19	4	Frame		1,000
Dell Grove, Minn.		C. G. Grönberg	78	12	Frame		800
Detroit, Minn.	Trinity	N. Lehart	85	....	Frame	and Par.	3,000
Eagle Bend, Minn.	Petri		39	26	Frame		1,000
E. Grand Forks, Minn.	Bethesda	J. M. Persenius	76	29	Frame		3,300
Elbow Lake, Minn		A. G. Olson	93	20	Frame		3,600
Ely, Minn.	Bethania	J. Trüedson	27	47	Frame		4,000

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Feeley, Minn.	Bethel	L. W. Gullström	15	....	..		.....
Grayling Minn.	Bethel	..	....	....	..		.....
Grand Rapids, Minn.	Zion	L. W. Gullström	28	28	Frame		2,500
Ham Lake, Minn.	.....	J. E. Erlander	90	30	Frame	and Par.	3,800
Hollanda, Minn.	.....	L. A. Edman	50	11	Frame		1,300
Hopkins, Minn.	Gethsemane	J. N. Almquist	92	80	Brick		3,600
International Falls, Minn.	.....	H. O. Hemming	....	....	..		.....
Isle Harbor, Minn.	Zion	P. O. Dahlberg	35	20	Frame		640
Little Sauk, Minn.	Sveaborg	..	30	....	Frame		1,500
Mahtowa, Minn.	Salem	J. Magny	60	35	Frame		1,500
Milaca, Minn.	Zion	A. J. Elmer	125	78	Frame	and Par.	2,000
Mille Lacs, Co., Minn.	Saron	A. Lundquist	58	20	Frame		1,600
*Minneapolis, Minn.	Grace	A. T. Seashore	67	148	Frame		12,000
*Minneapolis, Minn.	Messiah	C. O. Lundquist	70	208	Frame		5,000
Mora, Minn.	.....	S. Udden	80	48	Frame		2,000
Midway, Minn.	.....	J. A. Krantz	95	46	Frame		3,000
Merriam Park, Minn.	.....	J. A. Frost	150	110	Frame		2,000
Moose Lake Minn.	Bethlehem	C. E. Gustafson	21	....	Frame	and Par.	1,000
Murray Co., Minn.	Bethania	..	122	....	Frame	and Par.	3,000
Nylunda, Minn.	.....	M. Peterson	51	10	Brick		2,200
Opstead, Minn.	Immanuel	P. O. Dahlberg	27	4	..		.....
Penser, Minn.	.....	H. O. Hemming	....	....	..		.....
Pine Co., Minn.	Blomshoz	C. E. Gustafson	37	17	Frame		2,500
Pine Grove, Minn.	.....	Fr. Peterson	33	....	Frame		1,000
Pine River, Minn.	First Sw. Luth.	..	....	....	..		.....
Princeton, Minn.	Emanuel	A. Lundquist	43	30	Frame		3,600
Rainy River, Minn.	.....	H. O. Hemming	....	....	..		.....
Rock Creek, Minn	.....	Fr. Peterson	13	....	Frame		1,500
Ronneby, Minn.	Gustaf Adolf	C. Svenson	28	15	Frame		1,500
Roseau, Minn.	Clara	H. O. Hemming	52	32	Frame	Par.	3,400
Sandsville, Minn.	Nyskoga	J. M. Persenius	44	25	Frame		1,500
Sebeka, Minn.	Trinity	P. E. Ording	18	....	Frame		1,000
Swede Park, Minn.	.....	C. E. Gustafson	87	18	Frame		2,000
Silver Creek, Minn.	.....	A. F. Tornell	63	30	Frame	and Br.	1,000
S. St. Paul, Minn.	Bethesda	P. E. Bergström	92	80	Fr.-Br.	& Par.	4,760
Soudan, Minn.	Bethel	J. Truedson	31	67	Frame		3,000
Strandquist, Minn.	Bethesda	A. J. Ryden	61	30	Log		2,000
St. Cloud, Minn.	Salem	C. Svenson	100	67	Brick	and Par.	11,000
St. Anthony Park, Minn.	Salem	..	....	....	..		.....
*Arlington Hill, St. Paul	.....	..	....	....	..		.....
St. Paul, Minn	Augustana	P. E. Bergström	30	50	Lot		550
St. Paul, Minn.	Clara	A. Noren	....	....	..		.....
*St. Paul, Minn.	Gloria Dei	..	50	30	2 Lots		3,000
Sandstone, Minn.	Elim	C. G. Grönberg	13	20	Frame		1,000
Stafford, Minn.	Rosenlund	H. O. Hemming	....	....	Frame		.....
Swift, Minn.	.....	H. O. Hemming	....	....	..		.....
Tower, Minn.	Immanuel	J. Truedson	32	35	Frame		1,500
Triumph, Minn.	.....	J. H. Ford	45	31	Frame		1,500
Warroad, Minn.	Zion	H. O. Hemming	23	....	..		.....
W. Duluth, Minn.	Sw. Fin.	G. Oberg	126	85	Frame	and Par.	3,500
Wadstena, Minn.	.....	P. J. Eckman	17	....	Frame		1,200
William Creek, Minn.	.....	H. O. Hemming	....	....	.		.....
Wanasca, Minn.	.....	H. O. Hemming	....	....	..		.....
Zimmerman, Minn.	Livonia	A. Lundquist	21	6	Frame		200
Armstrong, N. D.	.....	..	....	....	..		.....
Bismarck, N. D.	.....	J. O. Cavallin	....	....	Frame	and Par.	2,500
Bottineau, N. D.	.....	J. O. Cavallin	....	....	..		.....
Braddock, N. D.	Maria	..	46	....	Frame		2,000
Bergen, N. D.	Elim	A. Peterson	17	12	Frame		2,000
Bethany, N. D.	.....	A. Peterson	20	....	..		.....
Clara, N. D.	.....	C. W. Andeer	52	15	Frame		6,200
Elmdale, N. D.	.....	A. Peterson	25	....	Frame		1,500
Grand Forks, N. D.	Gustaf Adolf	J. M. Persenius	90	49	Frame	and Par.	8,500
Minot, N. D.	First Sw. Luth.	A. Peterson	16	10	Frame	and Par.	5,000
Sheyenne, N. D.	Augustana	C. W. Andeer	133	70	Cement	& Par.	14,500
Slaughter, N. D.	Sunne	J. O. Cavallin	76	....	Frame		3,000

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Valley City, N. D.	.....	J. O. Cavallin.....	....	....	..	.....	.....
Bijou Hills, S. D.	.....	K. J. Bring.....	23	....	..	.....	.....
Bancroft, S. D.	.....	.. ..	....	....	..	.....	.....
Carthage, S. D.	Zion	.. ..	63	15	Frame	.....	2,000
Erwin, S. D.	Klara	.. ..	54	....	Frame	.....	1,800
Lead, S. D.	Augustana	.. ..	70	....	Par.	.....	4,000
Mitchell, S. D.	Bethlehem	.. ..	16	....	2 Lots	.....	600
Orient, S. D.	.....	L. G. Almén.....	....	....	..	.....	.....
Platte, S. D.	Fridhem	K. J. Bring.....	34	6	Frame	.....	1,800
Platte Valley, S. D.	.....	K. J. Bring.....	36	13	Frame	.....	1,400
Terraville, S. D.	Bethel	.. ..	30	....	Frame	.....	1,500
Battle Lake, Can.	Svea	J. J. Frodeen.....	23	12	Frame	.....	1,600
Burnt Lake, Can.	Bethel	L. J. Fihn.....	22	....	Frame	.....	1,000
Calgary, Can.	First Sw. Luth.....	L. J. Fihn.....	42	3	Frame and Par.		10,000
Claresholm, Can.	Swede Home	L. J. Fihn.....	19	5	..	.....	.....
Calmar, Can.	.....	O. Lindgren	32	....	Frame	.....	2,200
Camrose, Can.	Fridhem	O. Lindgren	49	....	Frame	.....	2,500
Danvers, Can.	Bethany	.. ..	33	....	Log	.....	300
Dubue, Can.	New Sweden	.. ..	28	....	Frame	.....	900
Edberg, Can.	Meeting Creek	J. J. Frodeen.....	19	15	..	.....	.....
Falun, Can.	Dalby	O. Lindgren	26	12	..	.....	.....
Fleming, Can.	.....	.. ..	19	....	Frame	.....	1,000
Fort William, Can.	Zion	C. O. Olander.....	36	14	Lot	.....	1,800
Kenora, Can.	Bethesda	.. ..	131	60	Frame and Par.		3,800
Lundemo, Can.	Wilhelmina	.. ..	....	....	..	.....	.....
Moose Jaw, Can.	.....	.. ..	70	....	..	.....	.....
Percival, Can.	Immanuel	.. ..	95	18	Log	.....	1,200
Port Arthur, Can.	Immanuel	C. O. Olander.....	14	....	Lot	.....	1,000
Scandinavia, Can.	Bethlehem	.. ..	18	....	Log and Par...		1,800
Stavely, Can.	Salem	L. J. Fihn.....	15	....	..	.....	.....
Stettler, Can.	David's	L. J. Fihn.....	32	12	Frame	.....	2,500
Usona, Can.	Twin Creek	O. Lindgren	16	8	..	.....	.....
Valley City, Can.	Saron	L. J. Fihn.....	28	20	Frame	.....	2,000
Wauchape, Can.	Bethany	.. ..	....	....	..	.....	.....
Westrose, Can.	Zion	.. ..	....	....	..	.....	.....
Wetaskiwin, Can.	Bethlehem	J. J. Frodeen.....	26	15	Frame	.....	3,000
Whitemouth, Can.	Immanuel	.. ..	20	....	..	.....	.....
Albia, Iowa	Ebenezer	O. A. Elmquist.....	25	18	Frame	.....	800
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Saron	A. E. Gustafson....	53	25	Frame and Par.		12,000
Cherokee, Iowa	Bethlehem	C. O. Nordell.....	44	15	Frame	.....	2,600
Clinton, Iowa	Immanuel	O. A. Henry.....	168	18	Brick and Par.		15,000
Council Bluffs, Iowa	Immanuel	N. E. Glad.....	96	41	Brick and Par.		10,500
Creston, Iowa	Salem	M. Le Vander.....	134	37	Frame and Par.		9,000
Delaware, Iowa	Immanuel	A. E. Gustafson....	76	19	Frame	.....	1,500
Des Moines, Iowa	Grandview	.. ..	53	....	Frame	.....	2,000
Diamond Centre, Iowa	.....	.. ..	.....	.....	..	.....	.....
Davenport, Iowa	.....	O. W. Ferm.....	96	50	Frame and Par.		8,000
Elfsborg, Iowa	.....	C. F. Granere.....	135	37	Frame and Par.		5,000
Fairfield, Iowa	Emanuel	.. ..	30	....	Frame	.....	3,300
Lincoln, Iowa	.....	E. C. Jessup.....	62	30	Frame and Par.		3,400
Montgomery Co., Iowa	Tabor	D. J. Laurence.....	138	50	Frame and Par.		4,950
Marcus, Iowa	Carmel	C. O. Nordell.....	57	10	Frame and Par.		2,000
Marshalltown, Iowa	.....	.. ..	85	50	Brick and Par.		12,000
Meridan, Iowa	St. Jacob's	C. O. Nordell.....	23	....	..	.....	.....
Odebolt, Iowa	.....	.. ..	80	15	Frame and Par.		3,800
Oelwin, Iowa	.....	.. ..	....	....	..	.....	.....
Pilot Twp., Iowa	Bethania	C. O. Nordell.....	52	....	..	.....	.....
Ruthven, Iowa	Salem	E. C. Jessup.....	38	14	..	.....	.....
Ryan, Iowa	.....	A. E. Gustafson....	....	....	..	.....	.....
Salina, Iowa	Clara	E. S. Ternberg.....	85	45	Frame and Par.		4,000
Shenandoah, Iowa	Immanuel	.. ..	60	25	Frame	.....	2,500
Sioux City, Iowa	Immanuel	O. N. Verenius.....	118	89	Frame and Par.		9,000
Summitville, Iowa	Vietoria	E. A. Peterson.....	44	20	Frame	.....	600
Spencer, Iowa	Bethesda	E. C. Jessup.....	22	12	Frame and Par.		2,300
Vinton, Iowa	.....	A. E. Gustafson....	....	....	..	.....	.....
Waterloo, Iowa	.....	A. E. Gustafson....	....	....	..	.....	.....

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Bucklin, Mo.	Bethlehem	..	31	..	Frame		900
Kansas City, Mo.	Immanuel	J. A. Engwall	125	65	Stone	Par.	46,500
Mountain Grove, Mo.	..	..	....	....	..		.....
St. Joseph, Mo.	..	..	....	....	..		.....
St. Louis, Mo.	Gethsemane	C. J. Segerhammar.	130	50	Brick	Par.	5,500
Swedeburg, Mo.	..	..	26	....	Frame		1,000
Verona, Mo.	..	..	18	....	Frame	Par.	800
Benson, Neb.	..	F. J. Ellman	....	....	..		.....
Boone Co., Neb.	Dahlsborg	J. Ekholm	15	50	Frame	Par.	1,500
Boyd Co., Neb.	Messiah	C. A. Lindahl	47	15	Frame		800
Boyd Co., Neb.	Rosendahl	C. A. Lindahl	91	20	Frame	Par.	5,000
Cheyenne Co., Neb.	Peniel	J. E. Lindberg	15	....	Frame		250
Deuel Co., Neb.	Berea	J. E. Lindberg	32	....	Frame	Par.	2,550
Deuel Co., Neb.	Siloa	J. E. Lindberg	22	....	Stone		300
Florence, Neb.	Ebenezer	F. J. Ellman	11	10	Frame		2,500
Fremont, Neb.	Sinai	E. Peterson	108	25	Frame	Par.	5,000
Genoa, Neb.	..	..	....	....	..		.....
Greeley, Neb.	Concordia	M. J. Lonner	61	30	Frame	Par.	5,000
Hershey, Neb.	Maria	..	....	....	..		.....
Howard Co., Neb.	Immanuel	S. E. Selander	25	24	..		.....
Kearney, Neb.	..	S. E. Selander	58	20	Frame	Par.	6,000
Minden, Neb.	Nazareth	O. Moren	20	12	Frame		4,500
Norman, Neb.	Falun	O. Moren	36	....	Frame		2,650
Omaha, Neb.	Zion	J. V. Carlson	124	138	Brick		15,000
Osceola, Neb.	St. Paul	O. A. Johnson	125	74	Frame	Par.	8,000
Raymond, Neb.	Ebenezer	..	20	13	..		.....
S. Omaha, Neb.	Gethsemane	J. V. Carlson	81	41	Frame		3,500
Valparaiso, Neb.	Ekedahl	..	49	....	Frame		1,300
West Hill, Neb.	..	..	....	....	..		.....
Cheyenne, Wyo.	..	..	27	14	Frame		5,200
Hanna, Wyo.	..	..	....	....	..		.....
Pine Bluffs, Wyo.	..	..	....	....	..		.....
Rawlins, Wyo.	..	..	....	....	..		.....
Rock Springs, Wyo.	..	..	14	14	..		.....
Chanute, Kan.	..	..	....	....	..		.....
Gove Co., Kan.	Saron	..	....	....	Stone		.....
Lawrence, Kan.	..	..	10	....	Frame		1,000
Ottawa, Kan.	..	C. J. Scheleen	22	20	Frame		3,000
Page Co., Neb.	Bethesda	A. P. Martin	40	5	Frame		600
Rawlins Co., Kan.	Enne	..	42	40	Frame		500
Sharon Springs, Kan.	Saron	A. P. Martin	30	40	Frame	Par.	1,700
Stockholm, Kan.	Bethania	A. P. Martin	80	97	Frame		1,200
Trego Co., Kan.	Emanuel	..	58	5	Stone		2,000
Vilas, Kan.	Bethel	H. F. H. Hartelius.	78	30	Frame	Par.	3,000
Colorado Springs, Colo.	..	G. P. Williams	63	35	Frame		1,500
Cripple Creek, Colo.	..	..	28	....	..		.....
Denver, Colo.	Bethany	R. P. Acsell	80	107	Lots		2,000
Ft. Collins, Colo.	..	..	....	....	..		.....
Idaho Springs, Colo.	Zion	F. W. Hanson	41	....	Frame	Par.	3,000
Las Animas, Colo.	Bethania	..	47	9	Stone		3,300
Loveland, Colo.	Zion	J. H. Nelson	67	....	Frame	Par.	5,000
Pueblo, Colo.	Tabor	E. Swanson	94	61	Stone	Par.	9,300
Victor, Colo.	Nebo	..	87	22	Brick		3,000
Austin, Tex.	Gethsemane	..	73	50	Brick	Par.	19,000
Dallas, Tex.	Immanuel	E. V. Isaacson	....	....	..		.....
Elcampo, Tex.	Phillippi	H. Colliander	120	....	Frame	Par.	5,000
El Roy, Tex.	Moline	..	51	26	Frame	Par.	3,800
Eriksdahl, Tex.	Bethel	Theo. Seashore	114	40	Frame	Par.	8,100
Ft. Worth, Tex.	Gustaf Adolf	E. V. Isaacson	....	....	Lot		6,000
Galveston, Tex.	Zion	A. A. Swanlund	....	....	Frame		5,000
Manor, Tex.	Emmaus	..	34	36	Frame		2,150
Olivia, Tex.	Eden	C. J. Damstrom	42	15	Land		300
Arleta, Ore	Tabor	..	....	....	..		.....
*Astoria, Ore	Memorial Eng.	G. E. Rydquist	....	....	Frame		3,000
Carlsburg, Ore.	..	..	....	....	Frame		.....
Chinook, Ore.	..	..	....	....	..		.....

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Gooseberry, Ore.	Valby	B. S. Nyström	44	15	Frame		1,000
Gray's River, Ore.							
Gresham, Ore.							
Hammond, Ore.							
Lewis & Clarke, Ore.							
Marshfield, Ore.	Coos Bay	B. F. Bengtson	160	90	Frame and Par.		10,000
Mist, Ore.	Bethlehem	B. S. Nyström	32		Frame		800
North Bend, Ore.							
Portland, Ore.	Augustana	C. A. Tolin	127	99	Frame		7,500
Powell Valley, Ore.	Saron	J. E. Nordling	50	42	Frame		1,000
St. John's, Ore.							
Warren, Ore.	Bethania	C. A. Tolin	36	50	Frame		2,000
Aberdeen, Wash.	Siloam	J. A. Levin	46	24			
Anacortes, Wash.	Sw. Luth.	G. A. Anderson	20		Frame		700
Ballard, Wash.							
Bellingham, Wash.	First	V. N. Thoren	47	15	Frame		3,000
Bothel, Wash.	Johannes	B. F. Bengtson	19	7	Frame		1,000
Bremerton, Wash.		H. Lind					
Brush Prairie, Wash.	Elim	J. E. Nordling	58	6	Frame		1,600
Clearbrook, Wash.	First	V. N. Thoren	38	30	Frame		500
Elmdale, Wash.							
*Everett, Wash.	Trinity	H. A. W. Yung					
Everett, Wash.	Zion	J. Gullans	58	52	Frame		5,000
Ferndale, Wash.	Immanuel	V. N. Thoren	24	14	Frame		714
Fremont, Wash.				20			
Green Lake, Wash.							
Hoquiam, Wash.	Saron	J. A. Levin	37	40			
Kent, Wash.							
Mt. Vernon, Wash.							
McNeel Island, Wash.	Sunne	A. M. Green	32	11	Frame		700
Marysville, Wash.							
New Castle, Wash.							
Nook Sack, Wash.							
Olympia, Wash.	Sw. Fin	A. M. Green	12				
Port Blakely, Wash.							
Pleasant Valley, Wash.							
Raymond, Wash.							
Rochester, Wash.	Sw. Fin	J. A. Levin	43	22	Frame		2,350
*Seattle, Wash.	Immanuel	H. A. W. Yung					
Seattle, Wash.	Bethel	H. Lind	42	57	Frame		7,000
Skamokawa, Wash.	Bethania	G. E. Rydquist	9		Frame		250
S. Tacoma, Wash.	Immanuel	A. M. Green			Frame		2,500
South Bend, Wash.	Ansgarii	G. E. Rydquist			Frame		500
Three Lakes, Wash.							
Waterman, Wash.	Elim	H. Lind	36	15			
Golden, B. C.	Lebanon						
New Westminister, B. C.		C. R. Swanson					
Vancouver, B. C.	First	C. R. Swanson	65	50	Frame and Par.		9,000
Victoria, B. C.		C. R. Swanson					
Eureka, Cal.		O. N. Glim	60	44	Frame and Par.		6,500
Fresno, Cal.	First Sw. Luth.	L. N. Dahlsten					
Kerman, Cal.	Bethania	L. N. Dahlsten	70	40	Frame		2,000
Riverside, Cal.	Eden	M. A. Nordstrom	74	34	Frame and Par.		10,500
Stevinson, Cal.	Berea	L. N. Dahlsten	29				
Bingham Canyon, Utah	Bethlehem	J. E. Barrington	104		Frame		2,000
Eureka, Utah	Bethel	E. Floren	29				
Heber, Utah		J. E. Barrington					
†Ogden, Utah	Elim	J. E. Barrington	35	30	Frame and Par.		6,000
Ophir, Utah		E. Floreen					
Park City, Utah	St. John's	J. E. Barrington	18		Frame		2,500
*Provo, Utah	Bethany	E. Floreen	5		Brick and Par.		5,000
Salt Lake City, Utah	Zion	E. Floreen	109	47	Brick and Par.		26,000
Santaquin, Utah	Nebo	E. Floreen	3		Frame		200
*Blackfoot, Idaho	Immanuel	L. Strömquist	20		Lots		300
†Boise, Idaho	Immanuel	A. H. Franzen	30	14	St.-Br. & Par.		5,500
Burley, Idaho		C. E. Gustafson	16		Frame		1,100

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Burk, Idaho		A. V. Anderson					
Deary, Idaho							
†Idaho Falls, Idaho	Gustaf Adolf	L. Strömquist	50	41	Frame and Par.		5,000
Mullan, Idaho		A. V. Anderson					
Nora, Idaho							
*Payette, Idaho	Immanuel	A. H. Franzen	22	14	Frame		1,600
Pocatello, Idaho		L. Strömquist					
Shelley, Idaho	Bethel	L. Strömquist	21	22	Frame		500
Troy, Idaho	Westdala	S. D. Hawkins	115	83	Frame and Par.		3,500
Wallace, Idaho		A. V. Anderson					
Douglas, Alaska		J. H. Warmanen		45	Frame		4,000
Juneau, Alaska		J. H. Warmanen					
Anaconda, Mont.	Zion	C. W. Yetell	116	65	Brick and Par.		9,500
Bonner, Mont.		A. V. Anderson					
Butte, Mont.	Emanuel	J. W. Nyvall	72	57	Frame		5,000
E. Helena, Mont.		P. A. Fair					
Great Falls, Mont.	Bethlehem	C. T. Carlson	100	83	Stone and Brick		9,170
Helena, Mont.	St. John's	P. A. Fair	70	25	Brick		7,000
Hamilton, Mont.		A. V. Anderson					
Lothrop, Mont.		A. V. Anderson					
Missoula, Mont.	Emanuel	A. V. Anderson	86	40	Frame		4,200
Philipsburg, Mont.							
Atlanta, Ala.		J. J. Richard					
Birmingham, Ala.		J. J. Richard					
Ensley, Ala.		J. J. Richard					
Fruithurst, Ala.	Emanuel	J. J. Richard	13				
Thorsby, Ala.	Concordia	J. J. Richard	46	29	Frame		1,800
Silver Hill, Ala.	Zion	J. J. Richard	7				
De Land, Fla.		E. J. Werner					
Forest City, Fla.		E. J. Werner					
Hallandale, Fla.		E. J. Werner					
Miami, Fla.		E. J. Werner					
Pierson, Fla.	Ebenezer	E. J. Werner	41	8	Frame and Par.		5,000
Swea, Fla.		E. J. Werner					
Titusville, Fla.		E. J. Werner					
Upsala, Fla.		E. J. Werner	10	8	Frame		1,000
Total	496 missions	184 Missionaries	19871	10554			$1,231,300

Of the 496 missions 482 are Swedish, 9 (marked*) are English; and 5 (marked †) are Swedish-English.

2. CANADA SYNOD.

Linwood	St. Peter's					
Wellesley Twp.	St. John's	O. Stockmann	290	65	Brick and Par.	$9,000
Hesson	St. John's					
Ottawa	St. John's	F. Beer	169	25	Brick and Par.	6,000
Auburn	Salem	I. Badke	68	15	Frame and Par.	4,000
Massey	Zion			20	Brick and Par.	
Chalk River	Trinity				Frame	
Mattawa	St. John's					5,000
Latchford	Grace	M. Hamm	188			
Haileyburg and 8 preaching places	Zion					
Matheson						
Arnprior	St. John's					
Admaston	St. James	Wm. Kupfer	367	50	Frame and Par.	7,000
Whitney	St. Peter's				Frame	
Mildmay	St. Matthew's				Brick	
Port Elgin	Salem's	H. R. Mosig	180	60	Brick	3,000
Southampton	Preaching Station					
Denbigh	St. Paul's				Frame	
Raglan	St. Stephen's				Frame and Par.	
Maynooth		I. Reble	200		Frame	4,000
Plevna	St. John's					
Total	20 missions	7 missionaries	1462	235		$38,000

3. NEW YORK MINISTERIUM.

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars	Church Property. Ch.	Par.	Value of Property.
Brockport, N. Y.	Concordia	C. Masius	62	28	Frame		$ 4,500
Carteret, N. J.	Zion's	H. Hunzinger	45	28	Frame		3,500
Englewood, N. J.	St. Johannes	F. O. Evers	72	65	Brick		5,000
Greenport, L. I.	St. Peter's	H. Reumann	88	36	..		1,500
Hartford, Conn.	Trinity	G. Gille	80	55	Hall		3,200
Jamesport, L. I., N. Y.		H. Reumann	....	....	..		.....
Madison, Conn.	Immanuel	Vacant	60	50	Frame		600
New Bedford, Mass.	St. Johannes	J. Rathke	71	40	Frame		2,000
Paterson, N. J.	St. Johannes	C. R. Stolz	46	30	House		4,500
Peekskill, N. Y.	St. John	H. B. Krusa	76	73	Frame		10,000
Pine Island, N. Y.	Ev. Luth. Mission.	C. Stolz	32	....	Frame		200
Potter, N. Y.	Elsass Congregation.	F. E. Reissig	102	40	Frame		2,000
Ravena, N. Y.	Trinity	F. Leddin	66	21	Frame		3,600
Ridgefield Park, N. J.	Christus	C. Riebesell	20	18	Hall		.....
Van Nest, N. Y. City	St. Luke	H. Eickmann	153	175	Frame		7,000
Watertown, N. Y.	Concordia	S. Brandt	89	57	Frame		3,000
White Plains, N. Y.	St. Matthew's	O. E. Heydenreich.	70	60	Frame		4,000
Total	17 Missions	15 Missionaries	1133	976			$43,600

4. SYNOD OF NOVA SCOTIA.

New Germany	New Germany Parish	C. H. Little	269	80	Frame		$ 6,700
Bridgewater	Jonquerall Parish...	C. S. Brewer	343	78	Frame		9,400
Wentzil's Lake	Midville Parish.....	P. E. Weller	400	106	Frame		4,450
Bridgewater	Bridgewater Parish.	Vacant	346	195	Frame		17,800
Total	4 Missions	3 Missionaries	1358	459			$38,350

5. DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

Cleveland	Emmaus	Stud. P. R. Siebert	20	30			

6. PENNSYLVANIA MINISTERIUM. (German Missions.)

North Cramer Hill, N. J.	Christ	Paul Ludwig	256	249	Frame		$ 5,500
Folsom, N. J.	St. Jacobus	Vacant	196	250	Frame		6,500
Chesilhurst, N. J.	St. Paulus	Vacant	118	180	Frame		3,000
Williamstown, N. J.	St. Johannes	Vacant	129	115	Frame		3,000
Bristol Pa.	German	A. Biemuller	95	125	Frame		20,000
Tacony Pa.	German				Stone		
Germantown, Phila.	St. Thomas	H. P. Fesemann...	125	125	Stone		12,000
Liberty Park, Camden, N. J.		F. Feegen	230	201	Frame		8,000
Gloucester, N. J.	German	E. Saul	60	108	Concrete		8,000
Woodbury, N. J.	German						
Steelton, Pa.	Trinity	E. Metzenthin	180	140	Frame		5,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Redeemer	E. Schaeffer	34	50	Brick		4,000
Hainesport, N. J.	St. Paul's	A. Neudoerffer	140	110	Frame		4,000
Carbondale, Pa.	St. Paul's	R. L. Pfeil	115	85	Frame		7,000
S. Williamsport, Pa.	Christ	Paul Krutzky	120	100	Frame		3,000
Total	15 Missions	10 Missionaries	2138	2138			$101,000

7. PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

Ambridge, Pa.	Zion	J. I. Shand	57	122	Brick		$ 9,000
Ashtabula, Ohio	First English	G. C. Schuman	24	35	..		.....
Avonmore, Pa.	St. Andrew	C. D. Miller	43	47	Frame		4,500
Avonmore, Pa.	St. James	C. D. Miller	81	82	Brick		3,500
Baden, Pa.	Christ's	W. F. Pfeifer	63	83	Frame	Frame.	10,500
Bellevue, Pa.	Emmanuel	B. F. Hankey	123	150	Stone		27,500
Braddock, Pa.	Trinity	W. A. Zundel	75	71	Frame		7,500
Bridgeport, Ohio	Trinity	D.P.T.Crickenberger	96	109	Brick	Brick.	18,500
Bridgeville, Pa.	Zion	Supplied	50	39	Frame-Frame		6,000
Carrick, Pa.	Ch. of Redeemer...	H. S. Gilbert	163	157	Frame		12,500
Conneaut, Ohio	Grace	J. C. F. Rupp	34	54	Brick		5,500
Conway, Pa.	First Lutheran	W. F. Pfeifer	26	75	..		1,500
Corry, Pa.	St. Paul	Wm. A. Hall	50	35	Brick	Frame.	5,500
Emrickville, Pa.	Grace	C. E. Rudy	20	30	Frame		1,800
Erie, Pa.	Ch. of Redeemer...	J. A. Beighey	44	33	Brick		3,500
Erie, Pa.	Grace	F. E. Strobel	148	172	Frame		4,000

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Church Property. Par.	Value off Property.
Erie, Pa.	St. Matthew	H. F. Gruhn	110	100	Frame	Frame.	$5,500
Girard, Pa.	St. John	J. A. Beighey	38	40	Frame		2,500
Glenfield, Pa.	St. Paul	Supplied	20	24	Frame		4,500
Hunker, Pa.	St. Matthew	H. K. Shanor	43	90	..		.....
Jeanette, Pa.	Christ's (Ger.)	W. F. Hingkeldy	27	29	Frame	Frame.	3,500
Johnsonburg, Pa.	St. John's	J. Mueller	123	104	Brick	Brick.	7,000
Latrobe, Pa.	Christ's (Ger.)	W. F. Hingkeldy	74	29	Frame		6,000
Leetsdale, Pa.	St. Matthew	Supplied	59	75	Frame		4,500
Morgantown, W. Va.	St. Paul	J. A. Yount	125	150	Frame		10,000
Moundsville, W. Va.	Zion	H. F. Obenauf	25	72	Frame		1,500
Natrona, Pa.	Trinity	J. W. Myers	116	116	Brick	Frame.	10,000
North East, Pa.	St. Peter's	A. C. Simons	94	41	Brick		9,000
Osage, Ohio	Good Hope	C. E. Read	49	58	Frame		2,000
Parkersburg, W. Va.	St. John	W. E. Fehr	156	97	..		5,000
Pittcairn, Pa.	St. Paul	W. A. Zundel	35	41	..		.....
Pittsburgh, Pa.	Grace	W. E. Bauer	140	225	Frame		6,000
Pittsburgh, Pa.	Lemington Ave.	Chas. Glatzert	21	23	..		.....
Reynoldsville, Pa.	Trinity	Chas. E. Rudy	79	84	Frame	Frame.	6,500
Reynoldsville, Pa.	Chestnut Grove	C. E. Rudy	67	70	Frame		2,000
Saltsburg, Pa.	St. John's	Vacant	59	48	Brick		7,000
Saltsburg, Pa.	Fennelton	Vacant	56	35	Frame		2,000
Sewickley, Pa.	St. Paul	Chas. Glatzert	35	40	.		.....
Smithton, Pa.	Memorial	Vacant	17	42	..		.....
Smithton, Pa.	Hoffman	Vacant	20	23	Brick		1,800
South Sharon, Pa.	Grace	Supplied	37	45	Frame		6,500
Springdale, Pa.	St. Mark's	J. D. Roth	46	43	Frame		3,500
Struthers, Ohio	St. Paul	Supplied	35	65	Frame		3,500
Suterville, Pa.	First Church	Vacant	24	35	..		.....
Tarentum, Pa.	Grace	J. D. Roth	60	44	Frame		4,000
Verona, Pa.	Trinity	J. J. Myers	104	110	Frame		5,500
Wall Rose, Pa.	St. Paul	J. I. Shand	65	97	Frame		3,500
Wheeling, W. Va.	Christ's	P. T. Crickenberger	25	97	Frame		9,500
Whitaker, Pa.	Mission	G. L. Rankin	....	120	..		.....
Wellsville, Pa.	Zion	C. E. Read	15	25	..		700
Youngwood, Pa.	St. Luke	H. K. Shanor	131	110	Brick		9,500
Total	52 Missions.	31 Missionaries ..	3627	3725	Frame	Frame.	5,500

RECAPITULATION OF GENERAL COUNCIL HOME MISSIONS.

1. Missions Supported by	Number of Missions.	No. of Mission-aries.	Communi-cant Members.	Sunday School Members.	Value of Church Property.
General Council English Board	130	103	11,407	13,676	$897,850
General Council German Board	66	22	2,975	.....	60 000
Augustana Synod (Swedish and English)	496	184	19,874	16,554	1,231,300
Canada Synod (German)	20	7	1,462	235	38,000
New York Ministerium (German)	17	15	1,133	976	43,600
Nova Scotia Synod (English)	4	3	1,358	469	38,300
Ohio, District Synod of	1	1	20	130	.....
Pennsylvania Ministerium (German)	15	10	2,138	2,138	101,000
Pittsburgh Synod	52	31	3,627	3,725	325.300
Total	801	376	43,994	37,903	$2,735,800

2. MISSIONS ACCORDING TO STATES, TERRITORIES AND PROVINCES.

UNITED STATES.

Alabama	6
Alaska	2
California	7
Colorado	9
Connecticut	18
District of Columbia	2
Florida	8
Idaho	13
Illinois	32
Indiana	2
Iowa	29
Kansas	10
Kentucky	1
Maine	2
Maryland	1
Massachusetts	21
Michigan	26
Minnesota	85
Missouri	7
Montana	11
Nebraska	22
New Hampshire	1
New Jersey	31
New York	44
North Dakota	14
Ohio	20
Oregon	29
Pennsylvania	115
Rhode Island	1
South Dakota	11
Texas	9
Utah	11
Vermont	1
Washington	40
West Virginia	5
Wisconsin	39
Wyoming	5
	690

CANADA.

Alberta	31
British Columbia	5
Manitoba	27
Nova Scotia	4
Ontario	27
Quebec	1
Saskatchewan	16
	111
Grand Total	801

3. MISSIONS ACCORDING TO LANGUAGE.

A. ENGLISH MISSIONS.

Synods.	Churches.	Communicant Members.
Augustana	12	341
Central Canada	6	495
Chicago	10	976
New York & N. Eng. Synod	14	866
Northwest, Synod of	20	1613
Nova Scotia Synod	4	1358
Ohio, District Synod of	14	1315
Pacific Synod	10	871
Penna. Ministerium	54	5291
Pittsburgh Synod	50	3526
Total	194	16,652

B. GERMAN MISSIONS.

Synods.	Churches.	Communicant Members.
Canada Synod	20	1462
Manitoba Synod	50	2456
New York Ministerium	18	1223
Pacific Synod	15	429
Penna. Ministerium	15	2138
Pittsburgh Synod	2	101
Total	120	7,809

C. SWEDISH MISSIONS.

Synods.	Churches.	Communicant Members.
Augustana Synod	484	19,530

D. MISCELLANEOUS.

Synods.	Churches.	Communicant Members.
Penna. Ministerium	3	

SUMMARY OF GENERAL COUNCIL MISSIONS.

English Missions	194	16,652
German Missions	120	7,809
Swedish Missions	484	19,533
Miscellaneous	3	
Grand Total	801	43,994

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(*) Indicates Unfinished Business.

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